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Canada Cord Ceremony

On Tuesday evening a Canada Cord Ceremony was held in Madoc for Tiffany Ramsay (Madoc) and Lisa Walker (Marmora). Both girls earned their awards by completing the bronze, silver, and gold programs. Guides of all sizes gathered to honour them, and it was nice that power was restored just before the ceremony. Madoc and surrounding areas had been dark since about noon on Tuesday, but Guide Leader Elizabeth Young said they were prepared to do it by candlelight if necessary. It was not necessary, and the program proceeded as planned. Sue Christiansen, Hastings District Commissioner, presented the girls with their Canada Cords. Chris Green, Moira Division Commissioner, presented the Canada Cord Pins. There were presentations on behalf of Larry McCormick, M.P., and Leona Dombrowsky, M.P.P. Reeve Deline presented for Centre Hastings, and Reeve Bennett for Marmora and Lake. Tiffany and Lisa agreed that of all the experiences leading up to the moment, camping was the most fun. Camping is less formal than other activities, you have to figure things out for yourself, and look after the younger girls of course. AND you have to look after your budget too. It was obvious that these two Guides had really earned their Canada Cords.

Lisa Walker (left) and Tiffany Ramsay (right) received their Canada Cords at a special ceremony on Tuesday evening. The power had been off all afternoon, but was restored just in time for a perfect awards ceremony. Tiffany is from Madoc, Lisa from Marmora.

Chamber of Commerce News

Eric Sanford was a guest at the Chamber's meeting last month. He represents the CHSS Parent Council. One of the issues he addressed was helping to get a full-time police officer back into the school. The CoC has sent a letter to the OPP with this request. Mr. Sanford will serve as a liaison between CHSS Parent Council and the CoC.

Troy Thompson, who spearheaded the Drop-In Centre for Youth in the Village, has another idea. He'd like to start a store ... for music, art, crafts and more, in downtown Madoc. He envisions a store FOR young people, run BY young people. It would attract local musicians, artists, and crafters and would provide a positive venue for their talents. It might even grow into a coffee house. Building a rapport with young people and creating a place especially for their interests is the bottom line of his idea. His presentation was warmly received by Chamber members.

Trish VanderPloeg of The Plant Place attended the meeting and offered her expertise to help "spruce up" downtown Madoc. Trish thinks, as do many, that flowers would add a most welcome dimension to the downtown experience. She offered to start decorative window planters and baskets, which will be made available to merchants at very reasonable prices. Each store would order according to individual requirements. Ms. VanderPloeg suggested red, burgundy, yellow and white with Ivies supplying the greens. There was general agreement that beautifying the Village of Madoc is a noble cause indeed.

Farmers Market

Plans are being made for a Farmers' Market in Madoc. The idea is to make use of the vacant lot downtown referred to as Angelo's. Events Co-ordinator Brenda Rump would like to hear from anyone interested in participating.

A Rural Volunteer Network is being developed to recruit potential members on the internet; it would link with the Municipal website. Rob Price reported having contacted 10 new people since the last Chamber meeting; he is actively working on new membership.

As of this spring (approximately May), the Old Town Hall will no longer be available for meetings. A new place is needed. If you have a suggestion, call the CoC at 473-1616, or email cocmadoc2002@hotmail.com.

The Annual Meeting is March 19th at 6:30 in the Old Town Hall, 107 St. Lawrence St. W.

Library Board meets

The Madoc Library Board met last Wednesday evening to discuss fund-raising for the planned extension, and to review how things are coming along with regard to the SuperBuild application. Gayle Ketcheson who Chairs the Building Committee is upbeat about upcoming events. She's confident they'll meet and maybe even exceed their fund-raising goal. But they still need all the community help they can get, and volunteers are still needed for various activities. Donations are needed for the next silent auction which will be part of a Musical Dinner Evening in early May. If you have items you would like to donate, call 473-4203 or 473-4179. A giant community yard sale is planned for later in May, and the Library Board hopes that everyone will bear this in mind when spring cleaning time rolls around. Don't worry about having to store items you may want to donate; storage arrangements are in place. Call Rob Price at The Spotted Dog Bed and Breakfast for more details - 473-2131. If you would like to help out, you can join at the next meeting of volunteers which takes place Monday, March 18th 7:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall in Madoc.

Cancer Society Needs Volunteers

The Madoc Branch of The Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Next month is the CCS's big fund-raising campaign, a major event of the year, and Madoc needs volunteers to ensure a success. High school students who canvass can earn volunteer hours. People are also needed for Daffodil sales April 4th, 5th, and 6th. If you'd like more information, or to volunteer, call Ann-Marie Mohns at 473-0617.

Preparing For The "Double Cohort"

Students who entered Grades 11 and 12 this school year will all graduate in 2003. One group will be from the new 4-year system, and the other from the current 5-year program. Two high school graduating classes in the same year is something Ontario has never seen before. And students and parents have a lot of questions about it. With so many graduating at one time, and so many wanting to attend colleges and universities, will there be enough space? Will there be enough faculty? What about tuition fees? The Ontario Government says its comprehensive plan to deal with the "double cohort" will ensure a postsecondary place for every willing and qualified student. You can find details on the plan by visiting the Government's website at -

www.edu.gov.on.ca/doublecohort.pdf

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Railway Creek F

North of Madoc there's a vegetable farm called Railway Creek Farm. The farm grows OCPP verified organic vegetables on approximately 3 acres. Elly Blanchard and Jean Finlayson, the gardeners, specialize mostly in lettuce, spinach, garlic, asparagus, carrots, leeks, and last but not least, a delicious salad mix. Many popular and unusual vegetables are also grown for diversity. Some of the common crops they grow are a variety of tomato cultivars, pickling cucs, and annual herbs. Some unusual varieties are sweet potato and purple beans. This year, Elly and Jean are experimenting with strawberries and raspberries grown organically.

Farmers' Market

Elly and Jean have been selling their vegetables at the farm and at the Belleville Farmer's Market since 1995. This spring they're preparing for an all-new Madoc Farmers' Market, planned for the vacant lot next to Pick 'n Save downtown.

Winter Activities

During the winter, Elly spends a great deal of time with her children. Jared is 5, and sister Natalie is 3. (During the summer, they spend a great deal of time with Mom while she's at work in the gardens.) Winter is the time to read gardening books as well, and to catch up on accumulated magazines from the numerous organizations to which they belong. Elly and Jean also attend workshops and meetings. Elly takes inventory of all the seeds and orders more from several Canadian and American seed companies. She also orders any equipment and materials needed, such as row covers and irrigation parts. All other paperwork, bookkeeping and planning is done now to be ready for the summer.

March Gardening Activities

At the beginning of March, Jean seeds onions in flats and places them under lights. Later, the lettuces and other early crops will be started indoors. As the spring nears, all the flats will be placed in the greenhouse, then out of doors, before they are set out in the growing beds in May and June.

Elly and Jean strongly believe in creating a healthy environment for the plants to grow in, by following four basic rules of thumb. The first rule is - use the least invasive methods to cont pests. They use physic barriers such as floating r covers for insects, a mulch to smother wee They release benefic nematodes and predatory sects to naturally control ever-present pests. Bac ria is also used for pests li potato beetles and cabba worms.

The second rule is avoid leaving pathways a growing beds uncovere Cover crops, catch cro under-seeding and mulch used to cover the soil to duce erosion, suppre weeds, and to trap moistu The most important bene of these 'green manures' when the crop is turned i the soil it decomposes, leasing nutrients, micro e ments, and builds up orga matter in the soil. In an ganic system', the orga matter should be over 5% the soil.

OCPP Certification

The third rule is to sel organic seed. Railway Cre Farm is in a Zone 4, and on all farms, it has its o micro-climate. Plants ne to perform well under treme weather conditio such as last year's heat drought. Cultivars are t and tested for several ye to see how they perfor Many heritage seeds are u and saved from year to ye

Open-pollinated and so hybrids are used to giv wider selection of cultiva GMO seeds and non-orga seeds are not approved the farm's certifying orga zation - Organic Crop P ducers and Process (OCPP).

Nothing Is Wasted

The fourth rule is to cycle waste vegetable m ter and animal manure. E builds the compost heap ing square hay bales as wa With a trusty pick-up tr and her two children in t she hauls all the horse m nure from a nearby nei bour to mix in with weeds, leaves and kitc compost. It slowly heats and rots for the first year. the middle of the next su mer, Elly turns the comp to finish the decomposit process. Then it's ready be spread on the grow beds. Each bed is carefu marked with stakes, so t it can be used again the n year leaving the pathway ways in the same place. T maximizes the use of gr manures and compost nothing is wasted.

Junior gardeners working hard

When mom's job is in the great outdoors, it's fun to go to work with her. Here Elly's children Jared and his sister Natalie keep themselves occupied while Mom tends the garden. Sure beats the asphalt of inner-city kids, huh?

Cooper Wild Kids Are Silver Stick Champions

February 15th, 16th, and 17th was a great weekend for the Cooper Wild Kids. They travelled to Trenton for their first game of the tournament early on Friday. The girls were a little tired, as they'd played 5 games in 8 days already, but they still managed to defeat Belleville 3-0. Brittany Gray scored 2, with Andrea McAlarey popping in the third one. Lindsay Black, goaltender, had a great game with another shut out and assists went to the following Wild Kids - Melissa Martin, Lacey Burkitt, Celeste Bonter, and Ragan Danford. Andrea McAlarey was awarded player of the game.

Saturday morning the girls played the Belmont Bad Girls. Wild Kids vs. Bad Girls - quite a combination. The Bad Girls came out strong scoring 2 eary in the first period. The girls hadn't been behind in a game since January. Andrea McAlarey assisted by Lacey Burkitt scored late in the second period to get things rolling for the Cooper Wild Kids. The girls dominated the play in the third period, with McAlarey popping in her second of the game, assisted by Erin Hennessey and Melissa Martin. With only a minute left to go in the game, Lacey Burkitt popped in a rebound to tie it up. Wild Kids split the points with Belmont Bad Girls. Player of the game was awarded to Lindsay Black for some outstanding goaltending.

The momentum continued for the girls when they played Saugeen Shores. Early in the first period, Gray scored unassisted. Two minutes later, Saugeen tied it up, but McAlarey from McCullough put one in to end the first period 2-1 in favour of Cooper. That was all she wrote for Saugeen! The girls scored four more goals in the game to end 6-1 for Cooper. Gray with 4 goals for the game, Burkitt with 1 goal and 1 assist, and McAlarey with a goal. Brittany Gray was awarded player of the game.

Sunday morning the girls knew they had to win to keep it going. It was kind of sudden death - if you win you keep playing, if you lose you go home. The girls didn't want to go home. Early in the first period, McAlarey scored from Arsenault to set the pace for the game. Woodstock fought back hard, scoring 2 unanswered goals in the first period to end it 2-1. Twenty seconds into the 2nd period, Gray, assisted by Hennessey and Arsenault, scored to tie the game. That was it for the Woodstock Warriors. Cooper poured on the pressure and was rewarded with 4 more goals to end the game 6-2 for the Wild Kids. Goals were scored by Gray (3), McAlarey (2), Burkitt (1); assists went to McCullough, Martin, Arsenault, Hennessey and Gray.

At 11:30 the girls played the Mitchell Meteors. This team ended first in their divison and hadn't played a game. The stands started filling up with parents, grandparents and fans. It was nice to see people travel to Brighton to see the girls play. They certainly didn't disappoint anyone. This was a very defensive game, with no goals scored in the first period. The Mitchell goalie held them in the game. Midway through the second period, Gray, assisted by Burkitt and Arsenault, scored what turned out to be the only goal of the game. Mitchell put the pressure on but Black shut them down. At the end of three very intense periods, the Wild Kids were heading to the Championship game.

The Championship game was held at the Brighton Arena at 3:00. Peterborough had won all their games and were the Wild Kids' opponents for the Championship. The girls really wanted to win because Peterborough had

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Hidden Treasures thrift store opens

Tweed - The traditional ribbon was cut to official open the newest venture on Victoria Street here on Feb. 22nd. The opening was of the new thrift store, Hidden Treasures, a project of the Community Care for Centre Hastings. On hand to help open the store were, members of the fund-raising committee (from left), Winston and Vera Wylie, Bruce Hicks, Delores Douglas and Wally Sawkins, chair of the committee. The new store sells donated items to help fund many of the CCCH's outreach programs. - BD Photo

New venture opens in support of CCCH

Tweed - It's encouraging to see an agency with vision coming up with a unique idea to benefit the community, Reeve Doug Mumford commented at the grand opening of Hidden Treasures. The new thrift store officially opened its doors on Feb. 22nd in a former hardware store on Victoria Street. The store offers used, donated items at reasonable prices in an effort to raise funds to help finance some of the many programs offered by Community Care for Centre Hastings, (CCCH).

The store has two floors, a workshop area to carry out minor repairs and a storage area. During the official opening there was also snacks including home-made soup the ingredients for which are on sale at the store.

Initially the store was to receive a grant from the United Way, but a perceived conflict over the ownership of the building saw United Way withdraw their support. However, the fund raising committee were determined to proceed and managed to find private backing.

Various items from furniture and dishes, to sporting equipment and books are available for purchase. Proceeds from the sales help fund such CCCH programs as Meals on Wheels, Diners Club, Reassurance Calls and more.

The store is manned by volunteers and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy venture should contact any one of CCCH's offices located in Madoc, Marmora, Tweed and Stirling.

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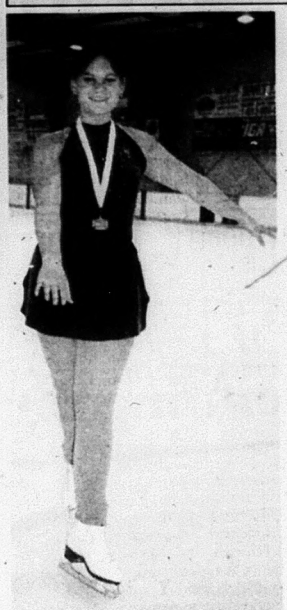
Marmora skaters win at compe



Seventeen year old Kate Lowe of Warkworth,left, a member of the M Club, placed third at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Invitational Comp last weekend, in Junior Ladies Freeskate. She moves on to the All Onta Sudbury March 15-17. Good luck, Kate! Right,Kara Rutherford, 13, p Junior Bronze Ladies Freeskate in the Oshawa Invitational Competit Kara lives in Havelock but skates with the Marmora Skating Club. phot

Trent Hills examines f for Culinary Skills Ce

By Rolly Ethier

Is there enough interest and initiative to develop a Culinary Skills Centre in Campbellford?

That's the question the Municipality of Trent Hills is pondering following a Feb. 22nd meeting with representatives of the Community Opportunity Innovation Network (COIN) of Peterborough.

The project would see the Municipality working with other partners to find a local facility for the purpose of delivering culinary skills programs, housing a youth team enterprise and providing production space for small-scale food processors. It's a facility that would be equipped with a functional teaching kitchen, classroom and office amenities to be owned by COIN and operated under the auspices of COIN's Flexible Venture Development Nework as a not-for-profit project.

Researcher Rose Spencer says a variety of economic factors—income, unemployment and youth unemployment—create the case for a Campbellford location to accommodate such a culinary skills development centre. Statistics show Northumberland County youth face a high rate of unemployment—four to five per cent higher than the overall labour force while dropout rates are also high, estimated at 21 to 35 per cent. Also jobs for those without post secondary education are fast disappearing.

Ms. Spencer attended the Feb. 22nd meeting to make a presentation on behalf of COIN alo
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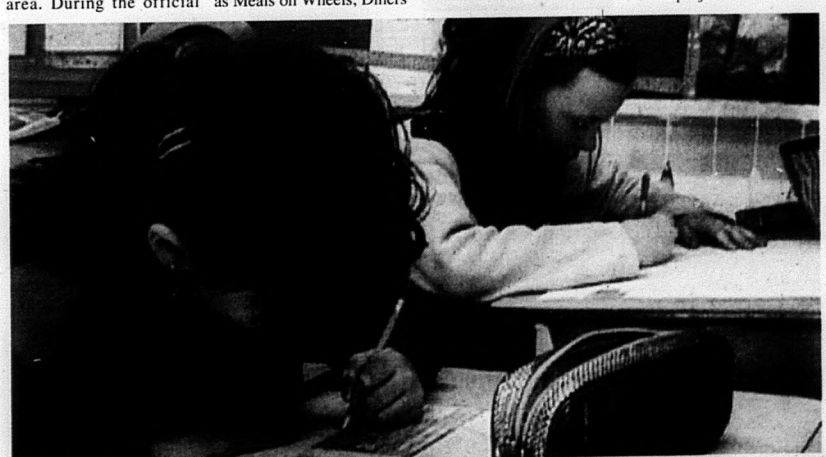

THSS 'artists' create new placemats for Diner's Club

by Brian Dunning

Tweed – Grade four students at Tweed Hungerford Senior School have made dining more pleasurable for patrons of Community Care for Central Hastings' "Diner's Club." The students created 35 placemats for the Club, each distinctive in its own way. The carefully drawn colour placemats reflect not just the dining experience but also the social interaction at the dinners. Many of the placemats depict other programs of CCCH such as Meals on Wheels, transportation for appointments, Friendly Visits and Friendly Calls. The original designed placemats will be laminated to allow them to be re-used.

The Diner's Club is one of CCCH's more popular programs attracting over 100 clients per dinner. The Club complements the other services by providing a meal out of the home and an opportunity to socialize. A nutritious meal served in a central location.

There is a nominal charge and clients are asked to bring their own dishes. Transportation can be arranged through CCCH at no cost. However, reservations are necessary, as this is a very popular program.

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Titanic-like ending for Rebels

Trent Hills - It was a Titanic-like disaster for the Campbellford Rebels as their season came to an inglorious finish last Sunday on home ice.

While coach Jim Peeling and the Rebs try to make sense of the sudden four-game collapse, the arch-rival Napanee Raiders now go on to meet North Frontenac Flyers in Empire League junior C championship final.

After looking like they had recovered form by winning the first two games of the semi-final in convincing fashion, the Rebels ran into the Napanee iceberg of the Titanic saga and the Raiders came storming back with four consecutive victories.

Peeling was in no mood to finger point but cited Raider netminder Eric Ostrander as the difference in the series.

"Our chances chart indicated the Rebels had 22 more scoring chances over the last four games only to come up on the short end," said a bewildered Peeling. "Despite four empty net goals, one in each game, the scores, 4-1, 7-4, 8-5 and 6-2, sum it up in a nutshell."

The turning point was the last seven minutes of period two on home ice in game four. With the score tied 2-2, the Rebels laid siege to the net only to have Ostrander turn aside all 15 shots in a short time span. Then early in period three a key two-on-one opportunity saw Andrew Box find the twine behi goalie John Cranston. Ra ers simply never recover

The Raiders wanted victory more than the Reb did.

"They outmuscled us times and were full value the series turnaround," Pe ing noted.

Game five on Napanee was the series best game both teams took turns c trolling the play. Centre Curry, arguably the b Rebel forward in playoffs, had two first riod goals.

Misfortune surfaced ag just before the penalty pired when Sean Turn equalized the contest fr 30-feet out. The teams c tinued to trade goals with

Court convictions, higher fines can stop careless dog owners

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - If people are willing to go to court Asphodel-Norwood's animal control officer is prepared to lay a summons against dog owners who allow their animals to leave their own property.

Bob Myers, the Township's animal control officer, made the point during a discussion about dogs at-large in Asphodel Heights -- an issue that was raised earlier in the month by residents who claim wandering dogs pose a threat to children and pedestrians.

Mr. Myers says he is in "sort of a quandary" when patrolling in that part of the Township because one of the suspect dogs is "always sitting on its property looking at me or up on the porch."

The other three dogs identified by area residents have the run of their own three properties and as long as they remain on those properties they are entitled to be loose.

"A dog is not considered at-large unless it is off its property," Mr. Myers says. "How they keep it on their property is their business.

"They do come on the road but I have to see them out on the road," he added.

"If they (residents) are willing to go to court I can't lay a summons," he says. "As long as people are willing to do this I can get it into court and one quit fast with every little expense."

He also suggested that the penalty for an at-large dog has to be stiffer than the $75 now imposed by the Township if they ever hope to recover the cost of Humane Society and other associated fees.

Douro-Dummer, he noted, has established a $180 penalty, a figure he considers adequate.

Mr. Myers was asked "if it made sense" to appoint someone in Asphodel-Heights to assist in animal control matters.

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Asphodel-Norwood of goals, including the Stewart Motors a 2-1 pesky Beaverton Blades

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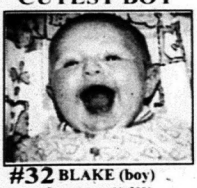

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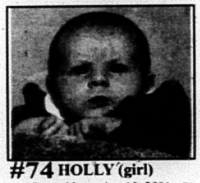

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FARMFEST 2002
A Salute to the Farming Industry

Horses get a new lease on life at "Sasha's Legacy

By Will Cybulski

Northbrook – To patience and kindness, add affection and an occasional bit of "horseplay," and you've got the recipe for success as enjoyed by Sasha's Legacy Equine Rescue. Bev and Tom Blackwell and 9 part-time volunteers run the non-profit horse rescue centre at a three-and-a-half acre farm, just off the O'Donnell Road in Addington Highlands. Bev says she pinned her dream of the centre's existence on the name of "a wonderful mare that I had for 22 years. The bond between us was very strong. Sasha was one horse in a lifetime; I've had many but none have compared". The centre's namesake succumbed to cancer, and she was buried on the property.

Left to right: Volunteer Ruth Peck and Sasha's Legacy owners Bev and Tom Blackwell are out on a fine winter's day with Pride, Queen, Tessa and Tucker. ***photo/Will Cybulski***

Tucker and Tessa

Nowadays, there's Tucker, a 15 year-old dark bay gelding and an ex-jumper who will be ready for adoption in late spring. Tucker has a flipped palate, and he previously suffered from a back injury. He can no longer be used for jumping, but he can be ridden. Then we have Tessa, a 14 year-old sorrel mare. Tessa is an ex-gamer quarter horse who has had two surgeries on an injured foot, but she too is sound to ride. Both Tucker and Tessa will need experienced riders.

Queen, Buddy & Thor

Queen (affectionately referred to as Pony-Poo) is a chestnut pony that was purchased at auction. She had major thyroid and founder problems, and is on daily medication. Queen is a high maintenance animal, but she is now sound and rideable. Then we find the dark bay, standard bred 8-month old colt named Buddy. When he was donated to the centre, he was suffering from an injured knee as well as colic. Buddy is still on medications but making a speedy recovery, and he will not only be adoptable, but also rideable, later this spring. Thor is a donated chestnut Belgian thoroughbred-cross of unknown age. He has been at the centre for three weeks now. Thor has stunted growth and a severe hock injury, and Bev claims, "he still has a long way to go".

Walker, Heza & Pride

Ruth Peck, one of the centre's volunteers, keeps her 9-month old foal Walker at the farm too. Walker is a hackney thoroughbred-cross paint that was purchased at auction. The Blackwells have personal horses as well, with Bev's being 9-month old Heza Spanish King. Heza was saved from certain slaughter when Bev rescued the foal from a PMU (Pregnant Mare Urine) farm out west. As it turned out, Heza, a paint, was found to be 'registered'. Tom's animal is a 12 year-old male sorrel quarter horse named Pride.

Variety of animals

Visiting the Equine Rescue can be somewhat like a trip to Old MacDonald's Farm, with a baa-baa here, and a quack-quack there. Along with the horses, there is a menagerie made up of Nikita the sheep, Sassy the goat, three dogs, two cats, ducks, geese, and the Blackwells have even helped out a few orphaned raccoons from time to time. All these creatures, from smallest to largest, are obliged with time and attention.

As mentioned earlier, volunteer Ruth Peck keeps her horse at the centre, and she dedicates a good deal of time in caring for all the animals. Tom and Bev describe her as their "right-hand", at their beck and call on a moment's notice. Ruth knows and works with all the horses, and she essentially takes over operations when the Blackwells are away. The centre's volunteers vary in ages, and along with Peck, they include Stephanie Thurston, Kalyn Cybulski, Jenna Lowrey, Rose Scott, Larry and Lucy Good, Wendy McCumber and Chelsea Dacuk. In the time they spend with the horses, the volunteers' duties include grooming, feeding and mucking. Some of those chores can be a tad unsavory, but during the time I was there, the workers' admiration for the animals was obvious. Being outside on a warm and sunny day seemed to put the horses in frisky high-spirits.

Donations accepted

The Blackwells are still hopeful that some kind landowner will donate 10 or more acres of property to the cause, as their place is now running at capacity. Good horse hay (not cattle feed) will always be accepted if given, as will cold, hard operating cash! To that end, a benefit dance and silent auction are being March 9th, from 8:00 p midnight, at the Lions in Northbrook. The open at 7:00 p.m. admission is by ad ticket only, for $10 a p There will be a lunc dances and door priz the theme is count western with Jerry S as DJ.

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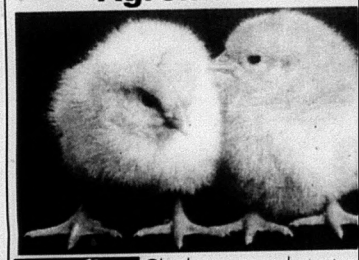

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FARMFEST

Directive on nutrient mana designed to aid municipali

Tweed – Municipalities may soon have a new tool to regulate large scale farming operations. In the past various communities have tried to pass bylaws restricting these operations based on concerns about how animal waste would be disposed of, (now referred to as nutrient management). Most of the larger operations were spreading the waste on land they own or rented. The potential contamination of groundwater, particularly during spring run-off, resulted in many municipalities introducing interim bylaws to restrict this.

However, farm operators were challenging the legality of these bylaws before the Ontario Normal Farm Practices Protection Board. Last spring the Board ruled a Stone Mills Township chicken farmer could expand his operation. In doing so the Board ruled the Township's bylaw requiring intensive farming operations to own 40 per cent of the land required to spread manure "does restrict normal farm practices."

Last month Ontario Agriculture Minister Brian Coburn issued a directive stating that the Board "shall not find that an interim control bylaw or zoning bylaw…restricts a normal farm practice if such bylaw regulates new and expanding livestock or poultry operations by requiring certain criteria.

Those criteria include:

Land application criteria that follows an approved mandatory nutrient management plan (NMP) which includes requirements for: an adequate tillable land base under the long-term control of the applicant; appropriate setback distances to features, such as wetlands, wells, watercourses, ditches, tile inlets, etc.; timing and method of the land application of manure relative to soil conditions, such as frozen and saturated ground; timing and conditions for updating a NMP; farmstead site criteria that require, the placement of buildings and manure storage facilities according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation II calculations; the capacity of a manure storage facility to be determined by the NMP including the provision of runoff control and other safety measures identified in contingency plans; adequate design and supervision of the construction of the handling, transfer and storage systems for manure and buildings for housing livestock/poultry to ensure their structural integrity; contingency planning for leaks and spi around the farmstead a during transfer a application procedures; a approval of nutrie management plans by qualified third party.

Mr. Coburn said th directive is an interim o until such time as t Nutrient Management A Bill 81, is passed by t legislature.

"I intend to issue th directive as an inter measure to reinfor municipalities' creation effective nutri management by-laws " M Coburn is quoted as say in a news relea announcing the directive remain firmly committed making the passage of proposed Nutri Management Act a prio when the Legislatu resumes sitting in spring."

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Farming practice has positive impact - study shows reduced tillage systems increasing across Canada

Winnipeg, MB - Reduced tillage - the farming practice of minimizing soil disturbance and leaving crop residues on the field - is catching on in Canada.

A recent Ipsos-Reid study shows the number of farmers practicing reduced tillage has more than doubled in the past five years. Acres seeded in Canada using reduced tillage systems has gone from 12 million in 1997 to more than 24 million in 2001, and reduced tillage acreage now accounts for 39 per cent of all seeded acres in Canada. Farmers who practice reduced tillage have provided economic benefits for themselves and have positively affected the environment and our food supply.

What is reduced tillage/ Why should people care?

For as long as farmers have been growing crops, they have been plowing or tilling their fields, often up to three times a year in order to prepare for planting and control weeds. In recent years, however, the agriculture sector has benefited from new technology so that tillage isn't always necessary. Instead, many farmers have adopted reduced tillage - or conservation tillage - practices that range from reducing the number of tillage passes over a field, right through to no tilling at all.

One of the main benefits of reducing tillage is that it leaves crop residue, or stubble, on the ground, which literally helps block wind and water from eroding the soil and helps to preserve valuable croplands.

Additionally, when farmers adopt reduced tillage practices, they use less fuel and therefore contribute to the prudent use of non-renewable resources. As well, fields that receive less tillage contain a heavy amount of organic material that attracts and traps carbon dioxide from the atmosphere - thus helping to minimize the greenhouse effect that many scientists believe is contributing to global warming.

Reduced tillage practices also help to keep water in the soil - an essential factor in coping with drought conditions such as those seen widely across Canada last summer, and in drought-prone areas around the world. Residue left on fields eventually decomposes and helps provide the filtration that holds the water.

Reduced movement of water through the soil also helps protect water supplies by ensuring that nutrients intended to fertilize crops stay in the field, and that the soil itself stays in the field without washing into water sources.

Farmers who practice reduced tillage benefit from lower production costs, a major contributing factor to an affordable food supply.

What's in it for farmers?

By reducing their tillage, farmers use less fuel as field operations are reduced and are able to realize significant fuel savings. It also means less labour costs, and reduced wear and tear on machinery so that maintenance costs are powered and equipment life is extended. And finally, reduced tillage practices help farmers preserve the land that is their livelihood.

What is reduced tillage?

Traditionally, farmers plowed or tilled their fields in the fall in preparation for planting the next spring - a practice many generations of Canadian farmers have relied on to incorporate the residue from the previous crop into the soil. Tilling also warms the soil to help with early plant germination.

With recent developments in agricultural technology, however, farmers can now reap these same benefits without tilling - a practice called reduced tillage. Specifically, new types of seeding equipment mean farmers can now seed

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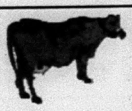

FARMFEST

OFA officials involved in grassroots

By Bill Mailloux
Vice-President OFA

Farmers across Ontario have a wide diversity of concerns and ideas on their minds. Many of them are coming to us at consultation meetings in every area of the province.

Members of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's executive met with presidents of local federations of agriculture and others from the agricultural community at 10 meetings and one teleconference.

Of primary concern is the state of improvements to safety net programs many farmers rely on to compensate for low commodity prices, low yields due to weather-related disasters, and other forces beyond their control.

Farmers know OFA has been moving toward a "made-in-Ontario" safety net package. They have heard that Minister Coburn from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) supports the concept and

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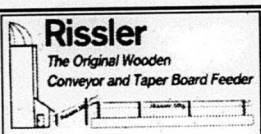

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A resale vehicle older than the current model year (i.e., 2001 model year or older in 2002) and less than 20 model years old will also require a test before you can transfer ownership. Non-diesel heavy-duty trucks and buses in the Drive Clean program area will require tests every year. Heavy-duty diesel-powered trucks and buses throughout Ontario have required annual testing since 1999.

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OFA officials involved in grassroots discussions

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introduced the idea at our convention last November, and now work is being done to develop the concept.

Simply put, Contract With Consumers is a campaign that would see the farmers of Ontario continue to expand their production of the highest quality food possible, and at the same time seek a commitment from consumers to support the farming industry when it goes to government for improved programs and policies.

Canadian food is already recognized as the safest in the world, and because of the efficiencies of our farmers, it is also the least expensive. Consumers are beginning to understand this. We want the Contract With Consumers campaign to encourage these consumers to support the farming industry when that support is critical.

Input from these sessions around the province will be assembled and translated to an action phase as quickly as possible by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Securing a successful future for Ontario farmers is an ongoing objective of OFA.

From the science desk

Q: What's the difference between pesticides and fertilizer?

A: Pesticides is a broad term for all chemical substances used to control insects, diseases, weeds, fungus and other "pests" on plants, fruits, vegetables and animals. Fungicides, herbicides, sanitizers, growth regulators, fumigants, and insecticides are all pesticides.

Pesticides are designed to attack particular pests without affecting beneficial or harmless insects or vegetation or microorganisms. Fertilizers help maintain the fertility of soil for the healthy growth of plants and crops.

Q: Why should I use pesticides on my lawn or garden? What's wrong with a few weeds?

A: Through careful, planned use of lawn care products, proper mowing and water practices, healthy turf offers many benefits: increasing property values; preventing soil erosion; reducing allergens and the likelihood of insect bites and stings; controlling dust and pollen from weeds and grasses; absorbing pollutants from the air and reducing noise in busy urban centres to name a few. A well-kept 50' x 50' lawn creates enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four every day.

Q: Are home and garden pesticides similar in nature to agricultural products?

A: Yes. Generally home and garden pesticides are the same compounds as agrichemicals but are more diluted and tailored to home and garden use. The toxicity and range of pesticides offered for home and garden use is much lower than those of agri-chemicals.

Q: How should pesticides (for home use) be stored? What is the shelf life?

A: Pesticides should be stored in a secure, well-ventilated area, preferably locked in a safe cupboard, garage or garden shed. Most pest control products can be stored for extended periods at temperatures above freezing. Check all labels carefully for specific information.

Watch next week's paper for more Farmfest!

Seen left to right with ponies Buddy, Heza and Thor, are volunteers Kalyn Cybulski, Stephanie Thurston and Jenna Lowrey. *photo/Will Cybulski*

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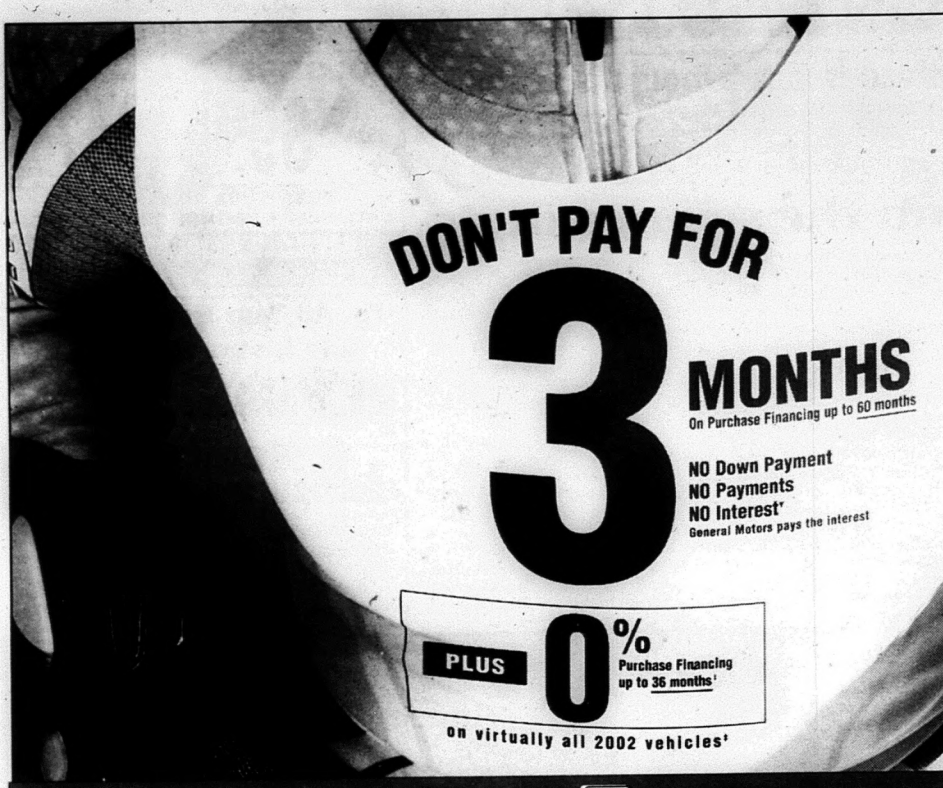

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Farming practice has positive impact - study shows reduced tillage systems increasing across Canada

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through the crop residue left on the ground, and advances in seed breeding have also helped develop hardier, cold tolerant seed that are suitable for cool spring growing conditions.

Reducing tillage means crop residue is not incorporated into the ground, but instead, is left on the soil surface to protect it, and eventually, to decompose and improve the health of the soil.

What are the benefits of reduced tillage systems?

*Reducing tillage helps soil to hold on to moisture more effectively, allowing plants to use water more efficiently and better resist drought conditions.

*Reduced tillage practices help prevent soil erosion because stubble left on the field after harvest helps to literally hold on to soil and keep if from eroding, whether by wind or water.

* A reduction in soil and water erosion means soil and nutrients stay on the field for use by the plant.

*Reducing tillage helps to decrease the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by creating the soil properties that trap and store it. This helps reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and minimize the greenhouse effect that many scientists believe is contributing to global warming.

*By limiting the number of tillage passes, farmers reduce their fossil fuel consumption and contribute to the efficient use of non-renewable resources.

*Farmers who adopt reduced tillage practices realize significant savings in fuel, labour and machinery costs- and it's these savings that contribute to the affordable food supply we enjoy in this country.

Reduced tillage and sustainable farming

The global population is expected to grow from today's 6 billion to 8.5 billion by 2025, with the bulk of the increase in developing countries. The amount of agricultural land under production, however, is expected to remain at about one per cent of the world's land mass. Reduced tillage practices can play a significant role in helping farmers efficiently produce the food needed for a growing population, while conserving productive agricultural land for generations to come.

How does reduced tillage contribute to sustainable farming?

*One of the most important benefits of reduced tillage systems is the ability to conserve topsoil - in many areas of the world, only six inches or less of fertile topsoil remain. In areas of extreme erosion, reducing tillage can reduce soil erosion rates by 90 per cent.

*Reduced tillage practices also help improve soil health. Over time, soils become more fertile under reduced tillage management. Organic matter levels rise due to decaying stalks and stubble, and soil structure improves because it is not routinely being broken up by plowing, a process that destroys macropores created by earthworm populations and root systems. Left intact, these macropores allow for better movement and availability of moisture and nutrients for crops.

*Increased microbial activity from the many types of soil-borne living organisms also contributes to soil health. When reduced tillage practices are adopted, microbial activity can increase by as much as 44 per cent.

* In reduced tillage systems, soil is not as prone to compaction, which is caused by running heavy equipment over fields and can create hard soil layers that inhibit root growth.

*Reduced tillage practices also contribute to improved atmospheric conditions. Reducing the number of trips across the field with tillage equipment can reduce fuel requirements by up to 50 per cent, and contribute to the wise use of non-renewable resources. In addition, carbon stored in the soil remains in the soil instead of being released into the atmosphere by tillage.

*Finally, the protective blanket of crop residue reduces the amount of airborne soil particles resulting from wind erosion. Leaving crop residue on the soil surface also helps to trap applied nutrients, ensuring crops have adequate nutrients to maximize yield.

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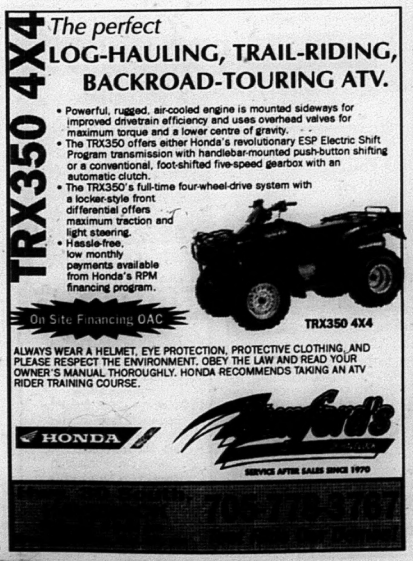

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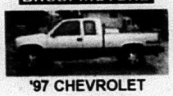

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Pee wee Hornets are in the hunt

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Pee Wee Hornets are back in the Hastings and District round robin playoff and making a good effort to hunt down the district title.

The Hornets are in a pool with a number of other teams in a home-and-away format with the top team going on to play a best-of-three series with the winner of a similar district pool.

In the home opener against the Otonabee Wolves Norwood squeezed out a tough 3-2 win.

The first period saw Norwood on the board first after a great shot from Jebidiah Huggins found the top corner of the net. Tyler McIlmoyle and Baron McDonald were also in on the goal.

Tyler Oliver was solid in net keeping the Wolves at bay until the midway point of the second when Mat Gleason found the range with a shot.

The Hornets jumped ahead in the second on a nice pass from Greg Kavish to Josh Clouston who slipped one into the net. Chris Ridgeway finished up the Norwood scoring late in the period with a blast from the point.

The Wolves challenged late in the game with a goal by Ryan Srobrecke but it was not enough.

Residents will receive letter

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"No," he said. "I think they should help themselves by taking pictures. I'm not saying they have to go after a pit bull but they can certainly take a picture of a pit bull sitting on their property."

"The system that works is people willing to take the matter to court," Mr. Myers said.

He also noted that once negligent dog owners are shown "evidence" like photos of their wayward dogs and are made aware that a summons could be issued they should be more careful about where their dogs roam.

Photos of dogs on public property or private property not their own would carry weight in court, he says.

Council agreed that a letter be composed by Mr. Myers and municipal staff and sent to Asphodel Heights residents outlining the things they "can do and need to do" to get a firm conviction.

They also asked staff to bring back a recommendation that the at-large penalty in the Township's animal control by-law be increased to $180.

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Community centre an integral part of the community

Dear Editor:

I would like to add my support to the community members who are working so hard to facilitate the building of a multi-purpose recreational centre in our village.

My children and I have been privileged to enjoy community activities at the Brethen Coliseum. Danica was a member of the figure skating club for several years. David and Michael have played both house league and representative hockey and softball, umpired softball games and worked as OMHA referees.

As an educate and a parent, I feel it is very important for young people to have places -- baseball diamonds and an arena -- where they are welcome and safe.

In a perfect world, a young woman or man, trained in Asphodel-Norwood, will some day receive Gold at an Olympic hockey game!

I appreciate all of the work of the members of the Action 2000 Committee.

Carolyn Free Donald
Asphodel-Norwood

If they build it, they will come

Dear Editor:

When families are considering locating in a community, one of the first considerations is recreational facilities.

Those opposed to building a new multi-purpose recreational centre are being very short-sighted. Yes, it will add a small amount to our tax bills -- the equivalent yearly of about two tankfuls of gas for your truck or car. Where could you get a better bargain?

Lori Elmhurst (Norwood Register, Feb. 23) listed many reasons why we should move forward with this project and I concur. We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and that is why we have the facilities we have enjoyed for many years. Now it is up to us to move forward and keep Asphodel-Norwood a great place in which to live and to attract newcomers.

Let's build it right and build it now!

Roberta Beamish
Norwood

Hornets

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told that they had to go back out a resume play after the goal had been overruled.

The Hornets put their equipment back on and went out for another round of overtime hockey with Darrington snapping in the winner at the 4:36 mark.

Rebels

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ecutive would hold a year-end meeting soon to finalize the annual banquet and trophy presentations, evaluate the season and determine his role for next season.

"It's a little too early to decide on the future. We had a good run, actually won eight in a row at one point before the Raiders ended our dream," he said.

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Obituary

WISE – Shirley Jean, (nee Alcock) of Cloyne went to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on February 18, 2002. Born in Toronto on October 18, 1932 the beloved daughter of the late Daisy Mae (Irons) and David Owen Forrester. Stepdaughter of William Hughes of Gravenhurst. Wife of William Wise of Cloyne. Mother of Doug Alcock (and Lorraine Gibson) of Toronto, Steve (and Sonja) Alcock of Cloyne and Don Alcock of Mississauga. Stepmother of Carol Jean (and Charles) Richmond of Madoc, Susan (and Alvin) Malcolm of Sydenham and Gregg (and Cindy) Wise of Cloyne. Loving Nanny to Matthew Fava, Sarah Laplante, Morgan and Mitchell Alcock, Amanda and Alanna Alcock, Hiedi and Lindsay Richmond, Erin, Heather and Jill Malcolm, and Patrick Wise. Great-Nanny to Luke, Ivory and Elizabeth Laplante, and Jacob Fava.

Dear sister to Bernice (Babe) Knighton of Florida and Gord Hughes of Gravenhurst.

Mrs. Wise rested in a place where she spent much of her time in service to her Lord, Pineview Free Methodist Church in Cloyne, surrounded by her beloved family in Christ. Family friend and minister Pastor Bruce Kellar officiated at the service. Allan Kay sang, as a special request by Shirley.

Pallbearers were sons and grandsons, Doug, Steve, Don, Morgan, and Mitchell Alcock, Matthew, Fava and Greg Wise.

For over 23 years Mrs. Wise was a very active member of Pineview as junior teens Sunday School teacher, Bible study leader, Tri-W Team, Ladies Bible Study co-ordinator, member of W.M.I Nursery, Pastor's Cabinet and Board member. She loved to serve in the community at the Pine Meadow Nursing Home and for many years provided hairdressing services at the seniors' apartments in Northbrook. She retired from hairdressing after 40 years in 1990.

Mrs. Wise was a very talented and creative lady. Her favourite hobbies included designing and sewing new creations. Her puppet creations will be used and cherished by many Sunday School students for a long time. Mrs. Wise loved to paint, using many kinds of mediums from oil to tole painting. She also loved to cook, making her own home-made bread and other wonderful delicious foods. Her weakness – peanuts and candy.

As a person who believed to give life a try, she was a perfect example of tasting life at its fullest. In doing so Mrs. Wise learned how to play the drums in her 50's, water tubed just before her 59th birthday, attempted to drive a motorcycle in her 30's, always drove her car like a motor car racer and laughed a lot. To her grandchildren she was a "Cool Nanny."

Mrs. Wise will be missed, remembered with fondness and loved forever by all who knew her. - **submitted**

Culinary Skills Centre

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sufficient interest in such a venture. I know there has been interest shown by the local farming community in a meat processing facility and we are working with OMAFRA towards that possibility."

"There is a great need to provide employment opportunities in the whole region," he added.

Councillor Tony Edwards concurred. He said he is interested in exploring the possibility because "anything we can do to increase youth employment is worth looking at. We have to decide on the best possible site for a kitchen. Also we should be checking out possible funding partners."

Mayor McCleary suggested moving ahead to develop a comprehensive plan "so we have a better idea of needs and costs available out there." COIN proposes pursuing a three-year partnership on the pilot project with the Municipality of Trent Hills, among others.

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Friday, February 22, on Madoc ice, the Juvenile Grizzlies started their semi-final O.M.H.A. playoff series with the Douro Dukes. By the end of the first period, the scoreboard read 2-0 for the visitors: the Grizzlies had a formidable opponent on their hands! In the second, our boys woke up and scored three unanswered goals before the teams left for the flood. This game just kept getting edgier and at the end of regulation time, it was a 4-all tie. We were heading into a 10-minute sudden death O.T. At 5:59, Jason Wilson came out of nowhere to bang home the game winner, unassisted. The Grizzlies had game one under their belts. Other CH goals were posted by Jason Wilson, Scott Acorn and Jesse Chapman (2). Assists were earned by Jesse Chapman, Mike McCann, Ryan Morton, Evan Hailstone and Ryan Terrion.

Game 2, in Douro, was just as tough and this time the Dukes were victorious in a 2-1 decision. Marmora arena will host game 3 of this best three of urday, Marc

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Hastings Cup action. The Grizzlies played a hard game right to the bitter end but fell short by one goal (7-6 for the Hawks). The goals came from Billy Maguire (2), Harrison Shin, Andy Moore (2) and James Denny. Andy Moore and Billy Maguire assisted on the goals.

In an exhibition game Sunday in Marmora, the Tyke Grizzlies played an incredible game against the Havelock Hawks. They poured it on from the first face-off and skated their way to a 7-3 victory. Shawn Peeling (5), Shane Bird and Adam Denny scored for the Grizzlies. Assists were earned by Alex Bortolazzo and Adam Denny.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Madoc Dental Clinic, these Tykes have been showing up to their games looking sharp! Each Tyke received a polar fleece pullover with the Grizzlies logo on the chest and their name on the sleeve.

Thank you, again, to Dental Ben and his staff for the continued support of minor hockey.

C.H.S.S. News

Interscholastic Athletics

One of the programs that makes CHSS such an attractive school is The Interscholastic Athletic Program. Both girls and boys have equal opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities within the County and around the Province. All inter-school activities are coached by staff members who are dedicated to building skill, leadership, and sportsmanship. Students are required to fund-raise for their programs. However, CHSS is unique among high schools in that there are no athletic fees charged in order to play. Also, late buses are provided for kids who play on school teams with after-school practises. The Interscholastic Athletic Program turns out teams that are always very competitive within their leagues and often champions in their sport.

Modern Languages Department

Last year the Department welcomed German exchange student Uta Habbig, and this year, Emily Pringle is staying with Uta and her family for 3 months. Both Emily Pringle and Robin Braden are out of the country now on student exchanges. Emily is in Germany and Robin is in Spain; they are due back in May. Uta, Emily, and Robin are participating in a reciprocal exchange program called ISE Ontario - International Student Exchange. There are 3-month and 2-month exchanges during the school year, and 1-month exchanges during the summer. Students who participate may earn some credits on-line during the school year, and they can also take part in summer credit courses abroad. Details are available at - www.iseontario.on.ca.

30-Hour Famine

CHSS hopes to run a "30-Hour Famine" on April 5th & 6th. Students who collect more than $40 in donations get a chance to spend an eatless night at the school. Taking part can count towards volunteer hours. Last year, CHSS was the top school in Hastings County with $7,200 raised!

The Atom Grizzlies faced off against the Havelock Hawks last Saturday in Madoc.

OFA Pushing Passage of Bill 81

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is pushing to have Bill 81 reintroduced in the Legislature and passed as quickly as possible. Bill 81 is the Nutrient Management Act which has not yet received Government approval. OFA says the hold-up is causing problems for farmers in terms of investment and growth. The Minister of Agriculture has assured OFA that Bill 81 is a priority. But members are skeptical, because this Bill coincides with a leadership race.

OFA is developing a campaign called Contract With Consumers. The basic idea is that Ontario farmers will continue to grow more and more high-quality food - BUT - they'd like consumers to support them when they approach the government for better programs and policies. Ontario (and Canadian) farmers already know that the food they produce is considered the safest and least expensive in the world. What they would like to know, as well, is that the peopole who buy and eat that food will support them when they need it. Farmers often feel, and not without reason, that what they do is not fully appreciated by a well-fed province (and country). And they feel that when the chips are down, nobody supports the ones who put all that good, healthy food on their tables. OFA's Contract With Consumers campaign seeks to address this issue. The action phase of the Campaign begins soon, and more details will follow from OFA.

Cooper Wild

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taken the gold in the Peterborough tournament earlier in the year. Most of the girls have developed quite a friendship with Peterborough, but you couldn't tell by looking at them on the ice. This was a very aggressive game with end-to-end action. Cooper's Ragan Danford, assisted by Erin Hennessey, scored midway through the first period. But Peterborough fought back and scored the tie goal with only 11 seconds to go in the first period! You might think this would discourage the girls, but Lindsay Black had an amazing game in net, and no goals were scored in the second period. The intensity of this game was incredible! Ben Anger had all the fans chanting and cheering to help the girls to vic-

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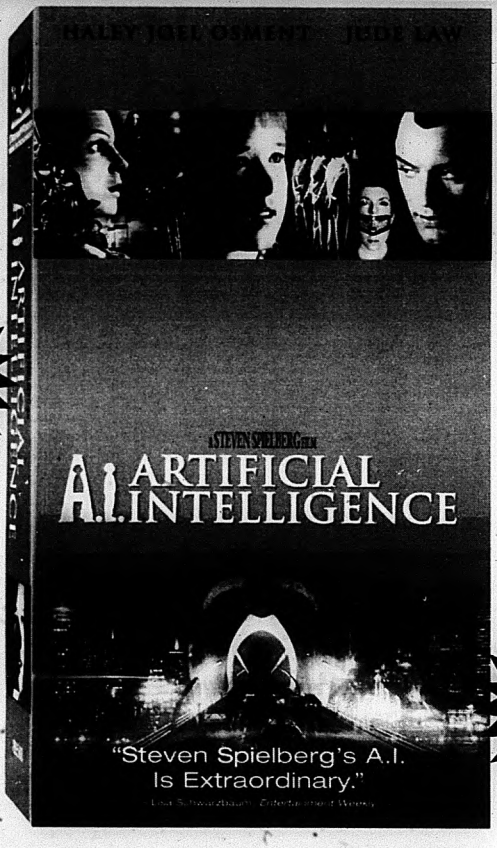

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Events Co-ordinator Brenda Rump Plans Afoot For Summertime Fun

Chamber of Commerce Events Co-ordinator Brenda Rump has big plans for Madoc this summer. If all goes according to Brenda's vision, downtown Madoc is going to be an active, festive place with all kinds of special events over the summer weekends.

You can't help noticing those vacant lots downtown. The one next to Pick 'n Save is the one Brenda has in mind for a variety of summertime activities. Her job has really just begun, but already she has a notebook full of ideas, and even some firm commitments from people in the area to participate.

Brenda was hired by the Chamber of Commerce and works out of the Old Town Hall building on St. Lawrence Street West. She's at the office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She is looking for ideas and volunteers too. Gardeners, crafters, musicians, artisans, hobbyists, bakers, canners and preservers, woodworkers, quilters ... you name it. What she has in mind would bring together the entire Madoc community, including the farmers in the area. It would be a kind of summerlong celebration of what the town and countryside around it is all about. It would be an opportunity for exhibitions, parades, displays, the selling of local produce and products, and much, much more.

The Chamber of Commerce is already working on a plan to spruce up downtown Madoc. And this plan ties right into Brenda Rump's plans to create a centre of activity downtown. Many tourists pass through Madoc on any given summer. They're on their way north to cottage country. Why not give them a good reason to pull over and stop? Instead of simply taking Highway 62 through the town and out?

Why not indeed! And that's why, if you stop in at Brenda's office, you rarely see her off the phone. She's made she-doesn't-know-how-many telephone calls since becoming the town's Events Co-ordinator. And she says that she's starting to get the response she needs to make it all fly. If you stop and chat with Brenda for a while, you can't help but notice her "Why not?" attitude. And it's just what is needed to get Madoc enthusiastic about itself again.

Leading the charge is not new to Brenda Rump. She's been very involved in community activities for years. Originally from Belleville, Brenda understands our area very well indeed - her roots on the maternal side stretch right back to Madoc. Her husband's roots lead back to Madoc too. She's lived most of her life and raised her two children in a neighbouring town, so she understands why it's important to keep small rural towns alive and thriving. She knows that the farmers around the town share equal importance with the residents of the town ... and that if you can bring the two together ... reflecting the whole picture ... you can put on a series of summer events that nobody will want to miss.

Brenda says there will be more news of a specific nature soon; committees are just being formed now and most of their work is ahead of them. She does say, however, that as of the July 1st weekend this summer, downtown Madoc is going to be a very lively place. Details will follow as plans fall into place.

If you'd like to be a part of the action, call Brenda Rump at 473-1616.

Brenda Rump, the new Events Co-ordinator spends a lot of time on the phone. She's lining up a lively summer for downtown Madoc. If you'd like to get involved and be part of the action, drop in and introduce yourself. Brenda works in the Old Town Hall building on St. Lawrence St. West.

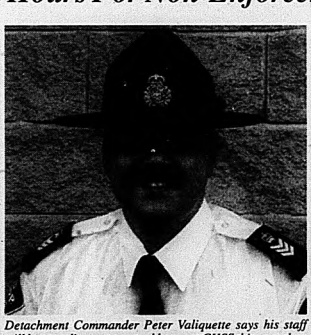
Police At Centre Hastings Secondary

More Actual Hours For Non-Enforcement Activities

Principal Walker Feels Supported By OPP

The community has been expressing concern over the lack of a full-time police presence at Centre Hastings Secondary School this year. Various groups and organizations have contacted the OPP requesting an explanation. Detachment Commander Peter Valiquette was invited to Council's regular meeting on February 27th to present the OPP's 2002 Business Plan. His presentation seems to have cleared up some of the doubts about the new arrangements.

The OPP has three basic commitments for this year, and right at the top of the list is a commitment to continue to provide a police presence at the high school and in the downtown core. It is their objective to provide a minimum of 5 hours a week in the high school. However,



Detachment Commander Peter Valiquette says his staff will be spending more actual hours at CHSS this year than last. It's at the top of their commitments for the year 2002.

Valiquette is quick to point out that the actual hours per week his staff spends in the school is more like 20: four times the minimum objective. Constable Darlene Eastman visits the school regularly, and OPP staff are encouraged to have their lunch in the school cafeteria whenever possible. This is all in a non-enforcement capacity. And of course they are there in an enforcement capacity whenever called upon.

Senior Constable Russ Alexander was re-assigned and left the school last December. Everyone agrees that Constable Alexander was much more than just a policeman in the halls. He was a unique individual, a one-of-a-kind; people like that can never really be replaced.

In the words of Principal Christine Walker, "The whole school community really appreciated Russ's contribution. And we were all very, very sorry to see him go. On the other hand, I feel supported by Commander Valiquette and the OPP. Constable Darlene Eastman makes regular visits to the school, and on the one occasion this year when we needed them, they were right there for us."

The OPP Detachment Commander says they will spend more actual hours at the school this year than last. The Principal says she feels their support. Perhaps it's now time for the school community to give the new plan a chance.

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Medical Board Meets Gateway's Goodhand

Last Friday afternoon, The Centre Hastings Medical Centre Board met with Jeanne Goodhand in Madoc. Ms. Goodhand is Executive Director of The Gateway Community Health Centre in Tweed. This meeting was part of the Board's on-going efforts to deal with Madoc's healthcare crisis. Dr. Derry will retire this summer, leaving the community without the full-time services of a physician.

The meeting last Friday was called to discuss ways in which Madoc and Tweed might co-operate. It was exploratory in nature, and there were several questions asked as Ms. Goodhand described how Tweed had gone about getting a Community Health Centre in that town. A piggybacking, or partnership, or some form of co-operation was discussed in general terms. Goodhand said she didn't see any problems there at all. Setting up a Committee with both towns equally represented is a possibility. Again, Ms. Goodhand didn't see any problem with this. She indicated that Tweed is open to helping and co-operating however possible. She stressed that a Needs Assessment is where the process really begins; Tweed's was done in 1999.

A Needs Assessment is, in fact, going to be done for Madoc and area soon. It is the first step and an absolutely essential one. From this assessment a solid plan of action can emerge, preparing the way to apply for funds from the government. Ms. Goodhand advised the Board that when the results of the assessment are in, studied, and the medical needs/wants of the area clearly known ... it is they who must decide what Madoc wants. In other words, the community must let the Minister of Health know, and not the other way around.

There are means available (Ontario Medical Association) to cover the situation, but only on a temporary basis. Doctors are available for short-term assignments, part-time assignments; this is not uncommon nowadays. However ... the essential problem of attracting a resident doctor to the Village remains. The incentives that were once effective no longer seem to work. And these days, physicians prefer to work in salaried situations with several others. They're not interested in setting up individual practices in small, rural towns anymore. They're not interested in running their own businesses in other words. A Community Health Centre employing several doctors would seem to be the answer. And this is the direction in which Madoc is headed. However, this is a project of a more long-term nature. Finding a replacement for Dr. Derry is an immediate problem. In the words of Board Chairman John Atkinson, "We are ignoring nothing."

The Medical Centre Board is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming medical needs survey. There will be data entry work, preparation of mailouts and flyers, fundraising, developing and operating a new

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Cooper Wild Kids Heading For 200

Cooper Wild Kids On A Roll

Boy oh boy are these girls ever happy! Winning is what the Cooper Wild Kids like to know. The Silver Stick Champions pose with staff after a win last weekend at the M Wood, Katelynn DeClair, Kelsey Arsenault, Bailey McCullough, Andy Bonter, Brittar Gray. Front row L-R: Erin Hennessey, Lacey Burkitt, Andrea McAlarey, Mackenzi Hudgins, Melissa Martin, and Lindsay Black - centre.

by Denise Gray

The Cooper Wild Kids have completed their Regional Playdown games and are heading for the Provincials on April 12-14th in Mississauga. The Wild Kids have played tremendously well over the past few weeks, and have really earned their spot in the Provincials. Way to go girls!

Thursday, February 28th, the girls travelled to Ennismore to play Peterborough for their second game of the Regional Playdowns. This is always a close game and extremely competitive. This game was no exception; it was a very fast-paced game, with end-to-end action, and great goaltending on both sides. The only goal of the game was scored by Brittany Gray, assisted by Erin Hennessey, late in the second period. Peterborough fought back shortly after to tie the game 1-1. At the end of three complete periods, the score remained 1-1; Wild Kids split a point with Peterborough.

Saturday, March 2nd, the Wild Kids hosted the Belleville Bearcats for their final regional playdown game. A victory would secure their spot in the Provincials. We were a little nervous at the beginning of the game; some of the Wild Kids were sick with colds and flu. A cold wasn't going to stop these girls, and they came out with determination and a sheer will to win the game. Lindsay Black, goalie, had a great game in net with a lot of help from her defense, Melissa Martin, Bailey McCullough, Jocelynne Hudgins, and Kelsey Arsenault. Early in the first period, Lacey Burkitt from Brittany Gray scored to start the streak for the Wild Kids. Gray, assisted by Martin, scored just 30 seconds later to make it 2-0 in favour of Cooper. Ragan Danford then scored in the second period, assisted by Arsenault & McAlarey, to make it 3-0 in favour of Cooper. McAlarey from Martin scored to finish the game with a 4-0 victory over the Belleville Bearcats. The girls were thrilled! They knew they were heading for the Provincials in Mississauga. Good luck girls!

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the Cooper Wild Kids' accomplishments over the past couple of years. What started out as a few girls who just wanted to play hockey ... a few exhibition games and not much travelling ... has expanded into a full-fledged girls competitive hockey team. Over the past two years, we have experienced a few growing pains as well as tremendous accomplishment. We could not have imagined just two years ago, that the girls who play on this team would be Silver Stick Champions, Silver Medalists at the Peterborough Tournament, Central East Champions in 2001, and Regional Champions in 2001! They're in the running again this season for the title of Central East Champions, and will probably tie Peterborough for Regional Champion. These are huge accomplishments for the Wild Kids and their coaching staff, and they should be very proud.

The one thing that hasn't changed since the fall of 1999, is the amount of support the community and families have shown this girls hockey team. We now have 5 sponsors: Doug Hunter, Bonter Marine, Madoc Legion, Madoc Dental Centre, and the Denture Clinic of Madoc. When you combine the sponsors with the efforts of the girls and their f lies, our fundraising ha exceeded our expectati Our 50/50 draws are alv successful, and the wir on many occasions h donated the money bac the girls. This has allo them to play competi hockey without big expe

In closing, The Co Wild Kids and their fam would like to thank ever who has been instrum in helping with this hockey team. Without support, it would not been possible. Spe thanks to Morley Perri keeping score all seas our home games. We' lost without you. As thanks to Thomas Nickl Mike Redcliffe for ref ing all season, and for pu up with our growing p You have done a great

The girls will be trave to Kingston tomorrow 10th, so they will not h home game this week Their next home gam scheduled for Satur March 16th at 11:00 against Oshawa; this will decide first place i Central East League. Sunday, March 17th at p.m. they play Peterbor it's a playoff game so out and show suppport.

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Lauri Payton grows organically in 'dream' greenhouse

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora & Lake – After a year's hard work and many years of dreaming of having her own business, Lauri Payton will officially open Stone Edge Gardens to the public on May 3, 4 and 5. Lauri and her partner, Rob Williams, have constructed two greenhouses on the 16-acre farm, living in the original 1827 limestone farmhouse with their four children, five cats and two dogs. While she personally predicts "an early spring" and she's inviting the public to tour the green house in early May, she does not advocate planting until at least mid-May. Stone Edge Gardens is located south of Bonarlaw on Williams Road!

Last summer was spent constructing the two greenhouses; a 28' x 62' that will eventually contain a 'store' area using the hemlock boards that their children spent the whole of last summer staining. The second green house, 28' x 100' is where the growing takes place. Rob, who was instrumental in the greenhouse construction, continues his full-time job as a master plumber/gas fitter for a company in Wooler.

Murphy's Law (whatever could go wrong does go wrong) has been met head on by this determined couple. The original dug well ran dry; two new wells were dug and went dry; finally a well driller was brought in. The couple was hoping, and budgeting, on finding water at about 50 feet; at 72 feet, they finally hit water but only four gallons a minute. It was enough.

"This year, we'll have premium crop annuals and take pre-orders for container plants, including herbs and herbal window boxes," she explains in her cozy, country kitchen. In addition to selling fresh herbs, Lauri got into selling herb-flavoured oils and vinegars three years ago, "using only the best olive oil and rice wine." She offers basil, lavender (her favourite) and rosemary, to name a few, contained in decorative bottles that are stoppered with cord and then waxed. Raffia decorates the neck of the bottles. They're sold at craft shows and on consignment through bulk stores and the Stirling Farmers' Market from May to October. She also attends the Herb Fair in Belleville that is held the last weekend in May.

However, Lauri is not a novice to growing herbs, annuals and perennials. For 20 years, she managed Blooms Flower Garden in Belleville, a florist and garden centre. She also worked for Country Schoolhouse Gardens and Garden in Thyme in Stirling, buying the greenhouses and client list from the owners in March 2001 when they wanted to retire.

"Everything is grown organically and I also have two, large vegetable gardens but not necessarily containing the 'usual' vegetables. I grow Chinese rhubarb, fo-ti herbs, garlic, melons, all kinds of peppers, kale, onions, cabbage, parsley, different kinds of lettuce, the majority of which is for sale, as well as medicinal and spiritual produce.

"My dream is for the family to be self-sustaining from our greenhouses," she says. "We will be adding solar panels to help reduce the cost and we're also looking at wind power to provide some of our needs. Everything we do is earth friendly, including allowing whatever wildlife is on the property to live in peace. We have a hawk who comes every year to have her babies and brings them close to the house so we can get to meet them."

Ms Payton will be guest speaker at next week's second meeting of the fledging Garden Club of Marmora. If you'd like to know more about growing organically, plan now to attend.

Lauri Payton reli kitchen, surro potted herbs, fla and vinegars, ab her greenhouse w are underway for photo/Na

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Feb. 8 – Ladies high Marion Smith 70; 2nd, Bea Mitchell and Mary King, 65; Men's high Bob Sine 76; 2nd Jason Grey 66; M.L.H. Bob Sine 5.

Feb. 15 – Ladies high Dianne Forsyth 69; 2nd Jean Stoll 67; Men's high Dr. Parkin 70; 2nd Harold Rush 68; M. L. H. Jean Stoll 6.

Feb. 22 – Ladies high Marjorie Bedore and Irene Lawrence, tied at 80; Men's high Harold Lloyd and Harold Rush, tied at 72; M.L.H. Irene Lawrence 6.

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(See story in Farmfest section)

Legion brunch s

***Ready for business:** Guests at the Royal Canadi brunch in Norwood were served a terrific meal by Car Club who were decked out in their spiffy club s Legion hosts brunches the first Sunday of every mo in the kitchen and on the serving line.*

Bowling stars rock the lanes in Hastings

Plenty of top tourney results

By Eileen Young

Hastings - The Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association Team Tournament was held at Dodd's Lanes in Hastings Feb. 23-24. Each league submitted two teams of six players each. We saw some fabulous action in all three shifts - one on Saturday and two Sunday.

Two teams go on to the provincials in April with a location to be decided.

The top two teams were a Friday Night Mixed League crew comprised of Sandra Robbins, Art Butcher, Jim MacKenzie, Wanda Greacen, Don Frey and Tony Edwards with 152 pins over their average.

The other team to advance came from the Monday Afternoon Ladies made up of Heather Pflanzer, Joan West, Shirley Bevan, Camille Edwards, Margaret Burns and Judy Ellidge with 118 pins over their average.

We congratulate the teams and wish them good luck in April.

A few of the highlights from the tourney included John Messacar laying down a score of 300 to put his name on the "300 Club" roster and three bowlers end-

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Township supports M resolution on youth va

Asphodel-Norwood - A resolution from the Town of Minto calling on the provincial and federal governments to "create and/or reinstate the necessary legal framework by [providing the necessary powers and funding to permit schools, local communities and law enforcement agencies to effectively handle the very growing vandalism and violent behaviour problems with the minority of our trouble-making youth" has won the support of Township Council.

The resolution focuses on "an ever-growing problem with vandalism and violent behaviour being shown in our schools and public facilities by some minors, albeit a specific group of trouble making minors."

The Town of Minto decries the fact that the cost of repairs caused by vandals comes from the "public purse" and that provincial and federal legislation is used to the "advantage" of a minority of youths to "problems within our munities."

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"Court and society whole have a respons to protect the local co nity, schools and pub cilities from this troubl ing minority...and sc local communities an enforcement agencies have the authority to gate these trouble m minors."

NDHS band hits the plays for Charles Ho

By Rebecca Howson

Richmond Hill - The Norwood District High School Concert Band provided an afternoon of entertainment for the students of Charles Howitt Public School in Richmond Hill on Feb. 20.

After a long drive, the Norwood band was warmly welcomed with signs in the music room of Charles Howitt and Ms. Simmons, the intermediate music and grade 7 teacher at the school, with snacks and pop.

As the afternoon progressed, the auditorium filled with music and applause. The Dixieland Band made a special performance for the student, showing off the skills that helped them earn silver honours at a competition earlier this year.

Norwood's performance was brought to a stunning finale with the Charles Howitt concert band, consisting of grade sevens and eigh

"It was excellent, c the younger students the experience of play Bob Simmons, NDH

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The resolution says that "schools, local communities and law enforcement agencies strongly feel that if they were provided with the necessary tools, funds to monitor, control and deal with these individuals in a timely, cost effective and capable manner, then they would do their utmost to ensure these activities are halted and the guilty parties dealt with."

A copy of the resolution will be forwarded the Township's MPP and MP.

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ts, joined NDHS to play Star Wars. our students had acted as instructors, had learned from Norwood and had ying with a high school band," says S music teacher and band instructor. t band added excitement and colour nd without a doubt this was an expe- e students will soon forget.

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FARMFEST 2002

A Salute to the Farming Industry

Farm hosts opening tapping ceremony

It's simply tradition for the Curle maple syrup operation

By Rolly Ethier

For Marcus and Diane Curle it's a way of life . . . it's a case of carrying on a family tradition.

After all maple syrup has been produced at the Curle's Sugar Shack off Highway 30 north of Campbellford since 1862. Marc and Diane and family are now the sixth generation to carry on this truly Canadian heritage.

On Friday, March 1st the Quinte Maple Syrup Producers held its first tapping ceremony of 2002 and the Curles had the honour of hosting the event at their unique 2,000-tap maple farm. Guest speaker for the occasion was Julie Meeks from the Bowmanville RCMP Detachment. She came dressed in her full red surge to take part in the ceremonies.

It was the Producers Association decision to have Canada's first police force kick off Canada's first agricultural crop of the year, making Julie's appearance a special one.

The Curles use a three by 12-foot lightening evaporator and an 18 by 30-inch propane finisher, equipped with a pre-heater and steam hood.

They also employ a reverse osmosis machine, which will process up to 500 gallons of sap per hour. It will take up to 75 per cent of the water from the sap, thereby saving many hours of boiling time.

Marc and Diane tap 1,000 trees with buckets and 1,000 taps with tubing. They do the sap gathering with a tractor mostly and on slower days Marc will hitch up the team of horses and collect the sap.

An Early Start

Like others in Ontario, the Curles got an early jump on maple syrup production this year because of the winter's abnormally mild temperatures. But Marcus says generally there has been a dramatic trend in the time transition in production during the past eight years or so.

"Whereas once it was normal to be producing syrup in April now we're peaking in early February through to early March," he said.

Currently the Curles sell their total production of maple syrup right out of their Sugar Shack, including some 1,000 pounds of sugar products each season.

Diane is proud of the fact that visitors from all over the world have sought out their attractive sales location north of Campbellford to make maple purchases. People from all over Canada, the United States, Caribbean countries and Europe have visited the Curle farm to take home some of their tasty products.

Diane has a large map on the wall where visitors are asked to pin point their home locations around the world. The result is a very impressive layout with hundreds of pins clustered in the various locales.

Marc and Diane represent a rich heritage that started in 1857 when Robert Curle, then 43 years of age, and his wife and seven children left their native Scotland for a new home in a new world. They ended up in the County of Northumberland and leased a farm north of Cobourg. Later they moved to Seymour Township and leased a farm one mile north of Campbellford. There have been Curles living on this farm spanning three centuries—the 1800s, 1900s and 2000 for a total of 138 years.

Youngsters love a visit to the Curle's Sugar Shack and not for just the chance to sample maple candy. The Curles have a replica schoolhouse play area in the front yard for the kids to enjoy, including their own grandchildren.

Farm Expansion

Now the Curles are excited about the prospect of opening up another 1,500 taps next year, which will give them 3,500 taps in all in the newest expansion.

Capturing that golden elixir that goes so well with pancakes and sausages for those memorable breakfasts demands a unique process. Tapping a tree requires drilling a hole approximately two to two and a half inches deep and then inserting a collection spout. It is tapped lightly into the tree allowing a bucket, plastic bag or a tubing line to be attached to the spout. Buckets used for sap collection are covered to keep out rain, debris, insects or other foreign materials.

Sap flow does not occur every day throughout the sapping season. It occurs when a rapid warming trend in early to midmorning follows a cool, below-freezing night. Thus the amount of sap produced varies from day to day. Normally, a single taphole produces from a quart to a gallon of sap per flow period with a season accumulation of 10-12 gallons per tap hole likely. Sap averages approximately two per cent sugar. At that concentration 43 gallons of sap are required to produce one gallon of syrup. For the Curle the challenge o

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***Curle Syrup Boil**--Marcus Curle is busy boiling sap and turning the liq golden elixir known as good old Canadian maple syrup at the Curle Sugar of Campbellford. Marcus and his wife Diane are the sixth generation of Cu on the family tradition. The 2,000 tap operation is being expanded by 1,5 for next season. photo/Rolly Ethier.*

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Horse vaccinations a benefi

by Dr. Paul Johnston, Norwood Veterinary Services

Contrary to the belief of many people, vaccinations are an important piece of insurance for your horse's health. Vaccinations are important aspects of preventative medicine. Along with a general health exam, dental care and a regular deworming program, vaccines should be part of an annual routine animal health management program for the horse. Performing these eimple procedures can help your horse lead a healthier and more productive life.

Vaccines work by stimulating an animal's immune system to naturally neutralize diseases. Vaccines may be given in the muscle or under the skin via a needle and syringe. Some newer vaccines may be squirted in the nose using a catheter. In general, an initial vaccination is given to "prime" the animal's immune system and then a second vaccination is given in two weeks to a month later. This second vaccination or "booster" is done in order to boost the immune system in order to attempt to make sure the animal is fully protected against disease. After that, most vaccines are boosted annually to ensure the animal is protected. It should be noted that not all vaccines are the same and some vaccines need to be boosted more often than other vaccines.

So, as a horse owner, what vaccines should you give to your horses? It depends. Factors like geography, the age of your horse, the number of horses present at your facility, the function of your horse, and whether your horse travels or not are key elements that influence the vaccination program that is best for your animal. For instance, a horse that is going to various shows is likely to be subjected to more germs than a gelding that never leaves the farm and therefore needs to be vaccinated differently.

I recommend vaccinating every horse with a minimum of Rabies and Tetanus vaccine and to seriously consider vaccinating with Flu/Rhinopneumonitis and eastern and western equine encephalomyelitis (EEE/WEE) vaccines annually. Rabies is deadly to both people and animals. Horses are highly susceptible to tetanus, a disease that follows wounds or cuts that become infected. Respiratory diseases like flu and rhinopneumonitis (eq herpes) should vaccinated against be the cost of treating a horse can outweigh th of vaccinating. If the travels, flu/rhino boo may be required more Eastern and western e encephalitis (EEE/W viruses cause neurolo disease in the horse ar be fatal to your hors fact, a horse from M that had traveled to va shows and fairs in O was diagnosed with e equine encephalitis las Since this disease is c from horse to hors mosquitoes, it would b

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Peterborough County is "Next Year Country"

By Nancy Derrer

Keene Area – Having weathered last year's drought conditions in Peterborough County, two organic farmers in the Keene/Villier area are philosophical about 2002: "I figure it can't be that bad two years in a row," said Mark Davidson.

Mark and his wife Sue and their three children live on Hope Mill Line off David Fife Line; they've been organic farmers for the past two years. Ed Verhoeven and his partner Hilary Wear live five kilometers south and east of the Davidsons on Villier Line and he's been raising organic field crops for four years, while Hilary grows organic vegetables and flowers which she sells at the Wednesday Farmer's Market in Peterborough.

Mark previously raised dairy cattle but gave it up due to the cost of the quota; he now raises dairy sheep. There is a huge freezer in one of the barns nearly full of frozen sheep's milk to prove it. He has 200 ewes and expects to have 300 in the flock by the end of lamming season. He grows spelt, soybeans, buckwheat, rye and feed crops such as oats, barley and hay.

Davidson took over his parents' farm and has 250 acres under cultivation at his own farm plus 50 acres he rents and another farm he's rented with between 50-60 acres. About 30 per cent of his land is now certified organic, the rest is "in transition" until this year. (You are in transition from the year you stop using fertilizers and sprays until three years have elapsed.)

Rejuvenating the land requires that the farmer use no great quantity of pig manure; in fact all manure used must be composted. Crops raised on this transitional land are sold as transitional seed.

Both men sell their crops to Peter Leahy of the Lakefield area who cleans and processes the grain and re-sells it to local companies such as Stickling's Bakery and JoAnne's Place, and distant points such as Japan, Germany, England, Switzerland as well as the Province of Quebec. Leahy also sells organic seed. Leahy grows organic beef, pumpkins and eggs.

"I was really influenced by my grandmother, Alice Davidson," Mark says. "She lived in Keene and was always 'organic' but we didn't call it that them. She was always against sprays and so I've always leaned in that direction."

Ed Vanhoeven, on the other hand, turned to organic grains when he sold his dairy cows four years ago and, at the urging of Hilary, decided to give organic a whirl. The first year, he planted spelt and "it did okay. I found that organic was more economical to grow. As I did more reading about it, I felt it was better to be organic."

Verhoeven is the son of Dutch immigrants who came to Canada in the 1950s and established their farm on Villier Line. On that same farm, Ed now has a herd of 20 beef cattle which are fed organic hay, but are not strictly organic: if one gets sick, it is treated with antibiotics. However, the whole herd is not on daily antibiotics. He doesn't go fully organic because he doesn't feel there is enough of a premium price on organic beef. As well, if he buys stock that can't be certified, he would have to keep them separate from certified stock. He prefers to have a closed herd by not bringing in stock from off the farm.

The cows are beginning to calve now and he expects his herd to grow by at least 10 this year.

Both are now certified organic by inspectors from the Organic Crop Producers and Processors and belong to the Organic Crop Improvement Association.

And, both Mark and Ed are keeping a close eye on the weather to see how soon they can start planting. Ed has decided to try growing millet this year as well as placing a big focus on soybeans.

The earliest Mark has planted is March 27, the latest April 15. Spring rainfall

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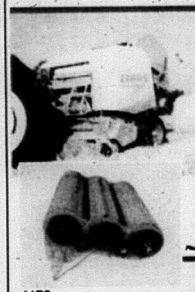

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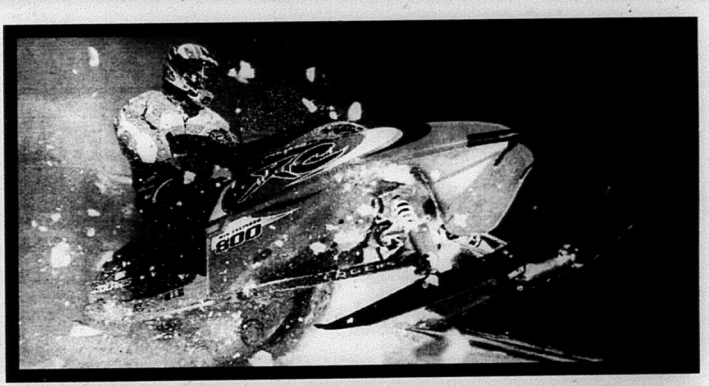

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Above, Mark Davidson still has feed on hand for his flock of sheep. 200 ewes lambing almost every day. He expects a flock of 300 soon. Mark farms the family farm on Hope Mill Line near Keene, with his wife, two daughters and a 3-month old son.

Right: Ed Verhoeven's family farm south of County Road 2 in Villiers.

photos/Nancy Derrer

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By Vanessa Dubay

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is crucial although groundwater, which Mark feeds to his sheep, seems plentiful. Neither is in a position to consider irrigation of their field crops if faced with a second dry summer. Mark shrugs, "The swamps and ponds are up this year as well as surface water" so he's counting on this is a good sign for 2002.

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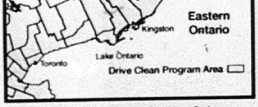
Will your car need a test?

If you have a light-duty vehicle more than three model years old and less than 20 in the Drive Clean program area, you will require an emissions test every two years to renew the licence plate. In the expansion area, this applies to vehicles with licence expiry dates on or after July 1.



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How to get a Drive Clean test.

Once you receive a notice that your vehicle requires a test, or if you want to sell a vehicle, take it to an accredited Drive Clean facility. These facilities will begin operating in the expansion area in April.

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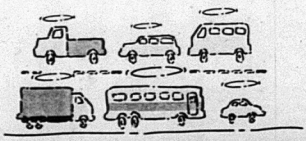

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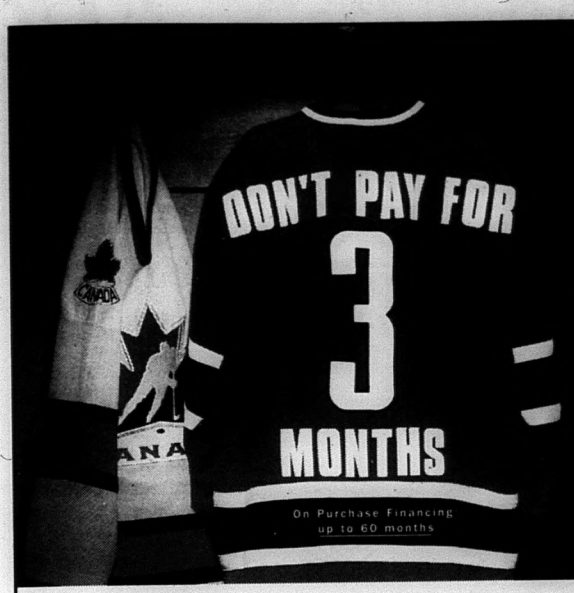

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Vince is an active volunteer in the Hastings County 4-H Association and a past 4-H member. He served as Association President in 1982, 2000, and 2001. His daughter Kaitlyn, 14, is in her 5th year of 4-H and has completed 13 projects while his daughter Brittany, 12, is in her 3rd year and has 5 completed projects. 4-H is a Brennan family tradition.

4-H is not the only organization Vince Brennan is associated with. He is currently serving in his 4th term as President of the Quinte District Jersey Club. Vince is the Chairman of the International Marketing committee of Jersey Canada. He has been active with the Quinte Exhibition, serving as a director for 15 years, Chairing the Livestock Division for several years and is currently serving in his 5th year as Chairman of the 4-H Quinte Regional Championship Show.

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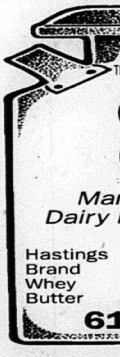

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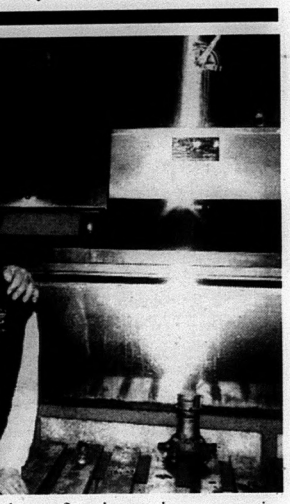

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OFA encourages farmers to get involved in PC election of a new leader

By Jack Wilkinson

On March 23rd, Ontario will be introduced to a new premier as the provincial Progressive Conservatives elect a new leader of the party—a replacement for the retiring Premier Mike Harris. The role to be played by the farming community in this selection process may strike many as insignificant, but for the farming industry, the results will be critical.

Farmers and their organizations make it a point to get deeply involved in general elections. They organize all-candidate meetings where anyone seeking election or re-election is expected to demonstrate a genuine knowledge and interest in agriculture now and into the future.

This is done with the expectation that successful candidates will remember the farmers they met during the campaign and be prepared to work with them after the election to get the best possible policies and programs enacted. In most cases, the candidates are from the local riding and are somewhat accessible to the general public.

When the election of a new party leader and a new premier for the province coincide, there may be doubts and concerns within the general population about their potential for impact on the results. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture wants to encourage the farmers of this province to get involved in the leadership selection process.

There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. The five leadership candidates will be travelling the province, attending riding association functions and making their pitch for support. Contact with officials of these riding associations should be considered basic to testing the agricultural knowledge of particular candidates and where they stand on issues critical to agriculture and rural Ontario.

Since the party is conducting the leadership vote on a "one-member, one vote" basis, the farming community has an excellent opportunity to make the industry's concerns and needs known at public meetings where leadership candidates are speaking.

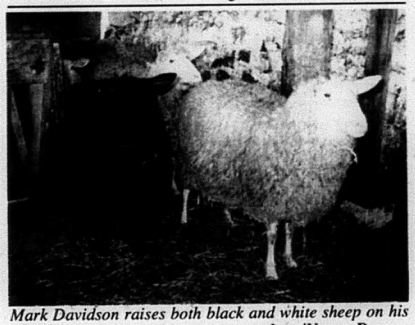
People 14 and older will do voting with party memberships as of Feb. 23, but public influence should be possible at public meetings by anyone. Getting farmer messages to the candidates and those with voting rights will be important to the future of agriculture in Ontario.

Some of the key issues farmers need to impress on the candidates and those voting include the final passage of nutrient management legislation, and the regulations that will follow, and ensuring reasonable regulations are written for food safety and quality legislation that has already been passed.

Ontario agriculture also needs to emphasize the importance of getting the "made-in-Ontario" safety net proposal through to passage. Minister Coburn has told us he has the support of caucus to proceed to negotiations with the federal government for final approval and implementation of the proposal but being able to enlist the support of the new Premier to achieve this is important to our future.

Dates and locations have been announced by the PC Party for five leadership debates. These include Jan. 17 in Toronto, Jan. 31 in Ottawa, Feb. 12 in London, Feb. 18 in Thunder Bay and Feb. 26 in Oakville. OFA will be working with local federations to ensure farming is discussed at these meetings.

We are also proposing the leadership candidates address the February meeting of the OFA Board of Directors. This would give farmers from all areas of the province an opportunity to listen and question those who would be Premier of Ontario.



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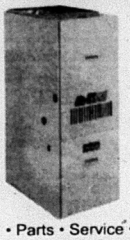

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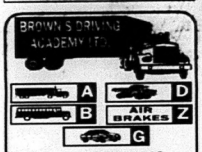

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Havelock ladies heave the heavies

By Eileen Young

Hastings - This may appear repetitious but we cannot express our thanks and gratitude enough to our various sponsors as they are the ones that keep us on the move: Hastings 5 Pin Bowling Association, Ontario 5 Pin Bowling Association, Canadian Five Pin Bowlers Association,Bowling Proprietors Association, Score Gold Points, Sidney L. Morris, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Molson Canada and AIL (American Income Life) Canada. Thank you all!!

On Feb. 18, we had our own **Olympic** champions Kathy Pettey with her 191, Marg Hummell 150, Camille Edward 163, 172 and 448 triple; Marie Glover with a fantastic 249; Judy Ellidge 186; Evelyn Eldridge 136 and 396 triple; Marg Greenly with a super 202, 200 and 547; Sandy Toms 188; Flo Duck having a great day with 150, 155 and 462 triple; Heather Pflanzer 195, 213; Shirley Bevan 168, 184 and 462 triple; Marie Kirby 151 and Doreen Playne 206.

On Feb. 25 there were more stars: Kathy Pettey for her awesome scores of 204, 221, 207 and 632; Marie Glover 214; Evelyn Eldridge 146, 159, 430 triple; Marg Greenly 227; Sandra Toms 176, 191, 496 triple; Wanda Greacen 132, 139, 384 triple; Margo Masson 218, 239, 630; Flo Taylor 167; Flo Duck 156, 435 triple; Heather Pflanzer 268; Margaret Burns 154, 139, 394 triple; Gerri Greenwood 194; Peggy Smith 161, 161, 459.

Bowling stars rock the lanes

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ing up with at least 100 pins over their averages: Wanda Greacen from Friday Night Mixed with plus 168 and four marvellous strikes in a row; Dee Coons from Tuesday Night Mixed with plus 136 and Lloyd Oliver from Tuesday Afternoon Mixed with plus 109.

Friday Night's alright: The team of Don Frey, Sandra Robbins, Art Butcher, Wanda Greacen, Tony Edwards and Jim Mackenzie from the Friday Night Mixed League rocked the lanes at Dodd's in Hastings posting a score of 152 pins over their team average. The score gave them the Ontario 5 Pin Bowling Association Team Tournament title.

Dan Selby skips rink to funspiel title

Asphodel-Norwood - Dan Selby's rink took top spot at last Saturday's funspiel at the Norwood Curling Club.

Teamed up with Christy and Richard Woods of Havelock and Darlene Hare, the Selby quartet swept their way to victory in a day dedicate to fun on the ice.

Following the spiel the Club held a silent auction that raised over $3,000. Organizers of the event would like to thank everyone, club members and non club members, who donated items for the auction.

The Club is preparing for its ladies bonspiel Mar. 20 with teams expected from six different communities. Sponsoring the bonspiel will be Norwood Home Hardware, Havelock Subway and Parker Florists of Norwood.

Wood Ducks prepare to nest in YCC homes

By Ron Scott
(Special to *The Register*)

Asphodel-Norwood - Weather has played havoc with the Lions Young Conservation Club's plans to install nesting boxes for wood ducks this month.

We had intended to go out on the ice to place them where they would be sure to be used next spring but alas pour plans have had to change a little. The date we have set is now Mar. 23. We are not counting on going out on the ice but will find a suitable place near trees and a wetland to demonstrate how these boxes should be installed.

The good news is that Mar. 23 is in maple syrup season and of course the Lions will be setting up for the big festival on Mar. 24. So the YCC will once again be able to act as experimental animals to see if the Lions are able to cook the pancakes and sausages to suit our palates.

We will meet in the morning and travel to an appropriate place and then install one or two boxes depending on how difficult this turns out to be.

One thing we still need is pipe. If anyone out there knows where we can get some used pipe to help with the installation please let us know. We need about four foot lengths of larger diameter pipe to drive into the mud and then about 10 foot lengths of smaller diameter pipe to fit inside the former. This arrangements facilitates easier cleaning.

After all this hard work we will then proceed to Linlor Farms where the Lions will be set to provide us with a nourishing snack. We wil then return to the Town hall by early afternoon.

I will be contacting all members the week before the trip but if any non-members would like to go or become members please contact me or any club member so we can arrange for enough food and transportation. Contact Ron Scott at **639-2149.** All interested ages 10 and up are welcome.

A note to high school students...hours with the Young Conservation Club can be used toward your community service requirement.

Also, **Earth Day** is April 22. We hope to have activities on the 20th and possibly 22nd. Watch for more news.

Driver caught in RIDE check

Charges have been laid against both the vehicle operator and owner during a RIDE check in the Municipality of Port Hope Feb. 24th. The driver, currently not licensed, was charged while the vehicle owner, a passenger at the time police conducted the check, was charged with permitting operation of a vehicle not currently insured. The GMC pickup truck was towed.

Brighton Accident

A single motor vehicle collision occurred on way 401 westbound in Brighton. A 2002 Jetta, by Genevieve Leclerc, 29, of Laval, Que., los crossing over the westbound lanes and struck ment median barrier. There was extensive da the vehicle and Mrs. Leclerc, the lone occup taken to Northumberland Health Care for trea minor injuries.

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MSS students at Legion

Legion President Terry Brown, left, and Youth and with Royal Canadian Legion public speaking co l-r, Miranda Nickle, who placed first in the Gr Welch, who placed first in the Grade 5 section, a

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora – There were only four contestants, all from Marmora Senior School, but they gave it their all Friday night, March 1, at the annual Royal Canadian Legion public speaking contest. Judges were Rose Scollick of Cordova and Melissa Reid of Marmora.

Each had chosen a different topic on which to speak, including drunk dri tember 11 and ra of kindness as we Stepanek.

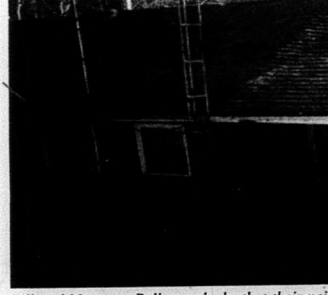
Grade 5 stude Welch placed first egory; Stacey Sav third; Krista Robi ond and first pla Grade 7/8 sectio Miranda Nickle.

Miranda move

Eric VanWinssen of Belleville placed first in public speaking competition at the Marmora Ro about "My Family." Eric is a student at Massass also of Belleville, placed third in the same ca Catholic School and spoke on "Peer Pressure". President, and Barry Flanigan, zone chairman

Marmora – Despite a disappointingly low t Canadian Legion hosted the zone public speaki Deseronto, Wellington, Belleville, Stirling, Tw send the top student in each of five grade-grou this year and registration totaled only 17, the l and the number could have gone as high as 45 each category.

Winners were: Grades 1-3, Lindsay McFarlan second; and Emma Bowen, Madoc, third. Grad Katie MacPherson, Tweed; and Kristin Trenholm Boyle, Tweed, Erika Grier, Picton and Jenna K third. From Grades 11, 12 and OAC, Mike L Loder of Belleville second.



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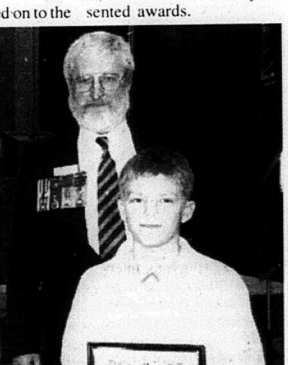
F3 zone competition March 2 where there were categories for Grade 1-3 (story telling), Grades 4, 5 and 6 – juniors, senior elementary Grades 7 and 8, Grades 9 and 10, junior high school, and Grades 11-13, senior high school.

Legion President Terry Brown and Beth Reid, youth and education chair presented awards.



the Grade 4, 5, 6 category at the Zone oyal Canadian Legion Saturday. He spoke ga-Rednersville School. Kristen Trenholm, tegory. She attends Holy Rosary Roman . Left rear, Terry Brown, Marmora Legion of youth and education, right.

urnout, the Marmora branch of the Royal ng contest March 2. Schools from Picton, eed, Marmora and Madoc were entitled to pings. No one in Grades 9 or 10 entered owest number ever; 27 attended last year if all schools had sent representatives in

d, Belleville, first; Connor Rashotte, Tweed, es 4, 5 and 6, Eric VanWinssen, Belleville; , Belleville, third. Grades 7 and 8, Whitney anyo, Belleville, placed first, second and esage of Tweed placed first and Danna

ghbour Glenn Caverly, across Crowe Lake, arble Point Road, Feb. 28. The Marmora & tched: it appeared that Mr. Bell had doused himney but firefighters on the scene checked
photo/Nancy Derrer

CHSS News

School Spirit at Centre Hastings Secondary School

Submitted by Jerri Phillips

School spirit continues to thrive at CHSS. Friday, March 1st marked the first Annual Talent Show, complete with many entertaining acts and performers. Highlights included Jeri-Leanne Morgan and Mandy Murphy, both performing vocal solos. The opening act was performed by Rob Matthews on electric guitar. Lana Storey and Matt Snell played together on acoustic guitar and flute. "Odio" consisted of Alex Multby on guitar, Jordan Bacon on guitar and bass, and Edwin Chow on drums. They performed three colourful acts with much praise from the students. Five CHSS teachers performed a very entertaining rhythm and blues act. Their band - "Big Mama and the Swamp Gas" consisted of Mr. Brogue, Mr. Olsen, Mr. Molten, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Evans. Thank you to all performers and to all those who helped make the talent show a success.

Early bird report cards went home on Thursday, March 7th. These report cards only report on the students' progress and absentees. Please call the school with any questions or concerns. And watch for future events coming up at CHSS.

The Wild Kids celebrate their win over Belleville last weekend at th of The Kids had colds and flu, but that didn't stop their winning

Communituy Radio Update

Madoc Community Radio held its founding meeting on February 21st and close to 20 people attended. Instigators Chris Magwood and Chricton Harrop were very pleased with the response. It seems that far more people are interested in a community radio station than one might have thought. There's a lot of work to be done though. Committees have to be formed and have to get to work, application for a licence must be made to the CRTC, non-profit status is necessary and so on. It looks like the idea is off to a good start, and Chris Magwood said after the initial meeting, "I now have no doubts it will fly ." If you are interested in a community radio station for Madoc, you are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Centre. Your help is needed to get it going.

QHC Three New Physicians Two New Clinics

The efforts of the QHC Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee (which includes community and business representatives) are paying off with three new physicians expressing interest in moving to this area. The three new recruits include a General Practitioner/ Anaesthetist for Quinte Healthcare Trenton Memorial, and a Pathologist and Psychiatrist for Quinte Healthcare Belleville General. The sign-up process is at various stages for each of these three recruits.

Meanwhile, the Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee has identified that more and more physicians are seeking a group clinic situation, where they don't necessarily have to work full-time, and where there is very little up-front investment. Two multi-physician clinics are being planned, one each for Belleville and Quinte West. QHC Chief of Staff, Dr. David O'Brien, says, "We're in the process of finalizing the locations. Multi-doctor clinics are absolutely essential, preferably with 5 full-time equivalent physicians to start, and room to expand in the future."

A primary care clinic is already established within Quinte Healthcare Trenton Memorial; a smaller version of the multi-physician clinic. QHC is actively recruiting "hospitalist" physicians for this location. These individuals would see patients in an office-like setting, and also support Internal Medicine and Emergency physicians as back-up.

Medical Board Update

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membership drive, and developing a public relations strategy. This is perhaps one of the most important community-centered projects Madoc has seen in a very long time. Anyone who can is asked to please pitch in and help. If the community pulls together, a very great deal can be accomplished in a very short time.

To volunteer, call the CHMC Board at 473-0024 and leave a message on the machine. Your message will be promptly answered. Or, if you prefer, you can email the Board via - crichton.harrop@sympatico.ca.or - OR - jatkinson@bel.auracom.com.

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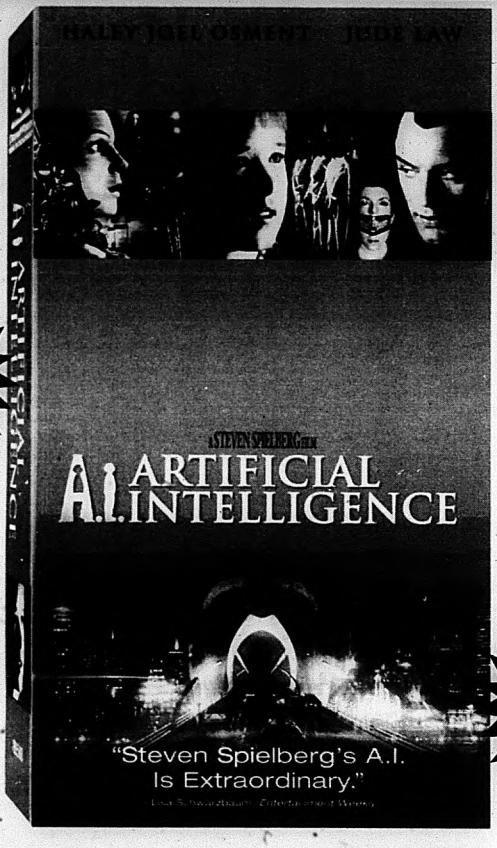

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Events Co-ordinator Brenda Rump Plans Afoot For Summertime Fun

Chamber of Commerce Events Co-ordinator Brenda Rump has big plans for Madoc this summer. If all goes according to Brenda's vision, downtown Madoc is going to be an active, festive place with all kinds of special events over the summer weekends.

You can't help noticing those vacant lots downtown. The one next to Pick 'n Save is the one Brenda has in mind for a variety of summertime activities. Her job has really just begun, but already she has a notebook full of ideas, and even some firm commitments from people in the area to participate.

Brenda was hired by the Chamber of Commerce and works out of the Old Town Hall building on St. Lawrence Street West. She's at the office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She is looking for ideas and volunteers too. Gardeners, crafters, musicians, artisans, hobbyists, bakers, canners and preservers, woodworkers, quilters ... you name it. What she has in mind would bring together the entire Madoc community, including the farmers in the area. It would be a kind of summerlong celebration of what the town and countryside around it is all about. It would be an opportunity for exhibitions, parades, displays, the selling of local produce and products, and much, much more.

The Chamber of Commerce is already working on a plan to spruce up downtown Madoc. And this plan ties right into Brenda Rump's plans to create a centre of activity downtown. Many tourists pass through Madoc on any given summer. They're on their way north to cottage country. Why not give them a good reason to pull over and stop? Instead of simply taking Highway 62 through the town and out?

Why not indeed! And that's why, if you stop in at Brenda's office, you rarely see her off the phone. She's made she-doesn't-know-how-many telephone calls since becoming the town's Events Co-ordinator. And she says that she's starting to get the response she needs to make it all fly. If you stop and chat with Brenda for a while, you can't help but notice her "Why not?" attitude. And it's just what is needed to get Madoc enthusiastic about itself again.

Leading the charge is not new to Brenda Rump. She's been very involved in community activities for years. Originally from Belleville, Brenda understands our area very well indeed - her roots on the maternal side stretch right back to Madoc. Her husband's roots lead back to Madoc too. She's lived most of her life and raised her two children in a neighbouring town, so she understands why it's important to keep small rural towns alive and thriving. She knows that the farmers around the town share equal importance with the residents of the town ... and that if you can bring the two together ... reflecting the whole picture ... you can put on a series of summer events that nobody will want to miss.

Brenda says there will be more news of a specific nature soon; committees are just being formed now and most of their work is ahead of them. She does say, however, that as of the July 1st weekend this summer, downtown Madoc is going to be a very lively place. Details will follow as plans fall into place.

If you'd like to be a part of the action, call Brenda Rump at 473-1616.

Brenda Rump, the new Events Co-ordinator spends a lot of time on the phone. She's lining up a lively summer for downtown Madoc. If you'd like to get involved and be part of the action, drop in and introduce yourself. Brenda works in the Old Town Hall building on St. Lawrence St. West.

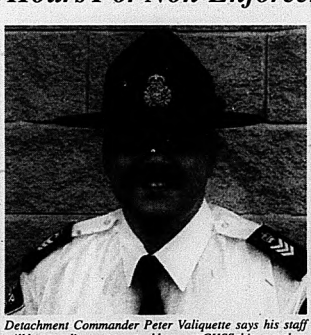
Police At Centre Hastings Secondary

More Actual Hours For Non-Enforcement Activities

Principal Walker Feels Supported By OPP

The community has been expressing concern over the lack of a full-time police presence at Centre Hastings Secondary School this year. Various groups and organizations have contacted the OPP requesting an explanation. Detachment Commander Peter Valiquette was invited to Council's regular meeting on February 27th to present the OPP's 2002 Business Plan. His presentation seems to have cleared up some of the doubts about the new arrangements.

The OPP has three basic commitments for this year, and right at the top of the list is a commitment to continue to provide a police presence at the high school and in the downtown core. It is their objective to provide a minimum of 5 hours a week in the high school. However,



Detachment Commander Peter Valiquette says his staff will be spending more actual hours at CHSS this year than last. It's at the top of their commitments for the year 2002.

Valiquette is quick to point out that the actual hours per week his staff spends in the school is more like 20: four times the minimum objective. Constable Darlene Eastman visits the school regularly, and OPP staff are encouraged to have their lunch in the school cafeteria whenever possible. This is all in a non-enforcement capacity. And of course they are there in an enforcement capacity whenever called upon.

Senior Constable Russ Alexander was re-assigned and left the school last December. Everyone agrees that Constable Alexander was much more than just a policeman in the halls. He was a unique individual, a one-of-a-kind; people like that can never really be replaced.

In the words of Principal Christine Walker, "The whole school community really appreciated Russ's contribution. And we were all very, very sorry to see him go. On the other hand, I feel supported by Commander Valiquette and the OPP. Constable Darlene Eastman makes regular visits to the school, and on the one occasion this year when we needed them, they were right there for us."

The OPP Detachment Commander says they will spend more actual hours at the school this year than last. The Principal says she feels their support. Perhaps it's now time for the school community to give the new plan a chance.

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Community Radio Meeting

The next meeting of the Madoc Community Radio group will be held on Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at The Kiwanis Centre. Everyone is invited to attend and to participate in this exciting new venture for the Village.

A Buck A Bag

Trinity Boutique at Trinity United Church is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. It's a dollar a bag for a wide range of kids and adults clothing. Everything's clean, folded, and attractively displayed. Pretty hard to beat a dollar a bag. Trinity Boutique is in the church basement; just one of the projects Donna Courneyea spearheads.

Waste Website

If you're looking for more information about recycling in the Municipality of Centre Hastings, pay a visit to the Quinte Waste Solutions website at - www.quinterecycling.org

Ivanhoe Cheese Store ~ New Look For Spring

The Ivanhoe Cheese Factory store has just been re-done f in lately, you might be surprised at the pretty, airy look .. sale as well as cheese and cheese products. There's a be all unusual, all high quality; both food and otherwise. H kind candles to layered, preserved fruit in tall glass ja catch your fancy. And while you're at it, don't forget a Ivanhoe Cheese Factory is really about. In 2000, Ivanh cu. ft. expansion. This means that each week 25,000 k 225,000 litres of milk. Ivanhoe Cheese employs 55 peo and food service outlets; primarily in Ontario but als Ivanhoe won the prestigious Canadian Cheese Grand Grand Prix again for Old Sharp Gold Pack. The compe is open to all cheese makers in the country, for all diffe

Madoc Legion Public Speaking Winners

Madoc Branch 363 of The Royal Canadian Legion held its annual Public Speaking Contest last month. Each division was closely contested and the winners are:

Grades 1 to 3:
1st - Emma Bowen (My Dog)
2nd - Natasha Rowe (Horses)
3rd - Rachelle Robinson (Penguins)

Grades 4 to 6:
1st - Garett Smith (I Am Canadian)
2nd - Jerrod Stire (The Mountain Lion)
3rd - Bronte Freeman (Four-Wheel Racing)

Grades 7 & 8:
1st - Matt Johnson (Winston Churchill)
2nd - Remy Danford (ghanistan Women)
3rd - Stephanie La (Abuse)

The winners go on to regional meet later t spring.

Educator Award

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avocation, locally and/or regionally, for the child, adolescent, and/or adult, through professional organizations and/or community service organizations. These submissions must be received by the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Award Sub-Committee in care of Sandy Smith, HPEDSB, 156 Ann Street, Belleville, ONT., K8N 1N9 by April 12, 2002. The award winner will be announced on April 22nd, and will be presented with the award at one of the Education Week events being held during the week of April 29th - May 3rd.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, 1823 to 1917, was a strong supporter of education and an active promoter of Hastings County. He was primarily a self-taught man who earned a Teaching Certificate and became an outstanding Canadian citizen. In 1854 he was elected to the Belleville Board of Education, and served as Chairperson from 1856 to 1867. He was also a successful businessman, who served as Editor and Proprietor of The Intelligencer for many years. He was instrumental in the formation of the Belleville Board of Trade in 1865. In his editorials, he stressed education as a key to development.

World Day Of Prayer

World Day Of Prayer was held this year on Friday, March 1st; many Madoc residents attended an afternoon service at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church. Romania was the focus for this year's Day Of Prayer, as believers in 200 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada gathered to pray and declare solidarity with the people of Romania. The World Day Of Prayer has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer, organized by women in Canada and the USA in 1920. Two years later, it became the International World Day Of Prayer, as Christians around the world began celebrating on the first Friday in March. In Canada, the World Day Of Prayer is co-ordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council. In Madoc, the co-ordinating group has representation from all the local churches.

If you'd like to join in but have not previously done so, you can contact Mrs. Elvi Brownson for information at 473-2277.

Top 10 Garden Trends For 2002

Marjorie Harris is one of Canada's well-known garden writers, and she's just released her Top 10 Garden Trends for 2002. And gardening, it appears, is just as subject to trends as are other activities. If you want to stay up to date with the latest, here is her Top 10:

1. Collecting a favourite plant
2. Making a fabulous front garden
3. Using colours with tropical punch
4. Funky garden furniture
5. Sensational spiky plants
6. Shrubs in hot new shades
7. Rocks and stones
8. Plants with silver overlays
9. Packing in the plants; intensive planting
10. Surrounding Sound - birds, wind chimes, water, soft, swishy grasses

CoC Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Madoc and District Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday, the 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Elections will be held, and reports given on a number of interesting, new projects the Chamber is undertaking this year. Everyone is encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

The Chamber of Commerce meets in the Old Town Hall Building at 107 St. Lawrence St. W. If you'd like more information, call 473-1616, or email cocmadoc.2002@hotmail.com

News Bits

Ivanhoe Pancake Breakfast

Don't forget the annual Pancake Breakfast at Ivanhoe tomorrow morning from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It's good fun for a good cause.

Madoc Heart & Stroke Foundation Winners

$500 - Fadie Hovins (Madoc)
$250 - Harold Govier (Madoc), Pauline Moore (Madoc)
$200 - Christian Bertelsen (Madoc), Ken Buxton (Stirling), Stuart Kerby (Madoc)
$150 - Yvonne Hoard (Stirling), Raymond & Caroline Morris, (Frankford)

Irish Stew Dinner

The St. Patrick's Irish Stew Dinner and entertainment is being held tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. at the Monseigneur O'Neil Hall on Prince Albert Street. It's a fine way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Bay of Quinte Cleanup

Bay of Quinte RAP holding a session on mun pal involvement in cleanup of the Bay of Qui next Friday the 22nd at Ramada Inn in Bellevi This information sessio intended for councillors municipal staff. Counci Mitz and a senior staff m ber will represent the Mun pality of Centre Hastings

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Cooney Farm Blues Advance To All-Ontario Finals

Stirling's Cooney Farms Atom A Blues have advanced to the All-Ontario hockey finals, with a pair of exciting wins over Waterford Wildcats last weekend. On Friday, March 8th, the Blues travelled to Waterford for game 3 in the best of five series, and came away with an impressive 5-0 win. This game was in total contrast to the 5-3 loss suffered there less than a week ago. Stirling played a very focused game, shutting down the Wildcats at every opportunity. Blues led 1-0 after a period, and increased the lead to 4-0 after two. Luke Haegele and Krieg Rowe led the Blues with a pair of goals each, followed by Nick Carr with the single. Graham Lloyd earned his third shutout of the playoffs.

On Saturday, March 9th, Stirling hosted Waterford for game 4. The Wildcats, not wanting to be embarrassed for a second game in a row, took a 2-0 first period lead over a tired-looking Stirling squad. The Blues found their legs in the second, as they dominated Waterford. Michael Taylor lit the spark as he led a "Bobby Orr-like" rush from his blue line, and slid the puck past a sprawling Waterford goalie. Tyson Andrews scored the tieing goal late in the frame with assists to Frank Bailey and Rowe.

Waterford regained the lead early in the third, with the goal holding up until late in the third. With the Blues on a powerplay, Waterford called a timeout with 2:06 remaining. At this point, Stirling pulled their goalie for a six-on-four advantage. The move paid off handsomely as Rowe took a cross-ice feed from Eric Guthrie, and scored the tieing goal on an off-balance backhanded chipshot over a very surprised Wildcat goalie ... with 1:51 left on the clock.

The crowed, estimated at over 300, had barely finished cheering when at 1:17 of sudden-victory overtime, Luke Haegele broke in all alone and scored the game and series-winning go on a beautiful deke ov netminder. Stirling wi series three games to and now faces Dorches OMHA finals set to beg weekend.

Legion Peewees Ousted From OMHA Playoff

Stirling's Legion Branch 228 PeeWee A Blues were ousted from further competition in the OMHA playoffs over the weekend of March 8th, with a pair of losses to the visiting Delhi Travellers. After splitting the first two games last weekend in Delhi, the Blues were hosts to game three, four and five if neceessary this weekend. Stirling did not get off on the right foot on Friday evening, dropping a 7-3 decision to Delhi. The Blues were down by a goal entering the second period, but a wild second saw a total of seven goals scored! Unfortunately for Stirlimg, they only scored three of those goals, and trailed 5-3 going into the third. Two goals, 11 seconds apart in the third, wiped out any chance the Blues had of making a comeback. Dean Howley, Corey Utman, and Jason Graff scored for the Blues, with assists to Kyle Waite and Luke Reynolds. Goaltender Jerret Tanner played a great game between the pipes as he was under constant fire all night long.

On Saturday night, the Blues were in a must-win situation. Delhi was up two games to one in the best of five series. Stirling played a much better game defensively, but could not muster the scoring chances needed to change their fortune; they went down to defeat 3-0.

Despite their semifinal loss, the Legion Branch 228 PeeWees enjoyed a very successful season, finishing second in the B division of the regional Silver Stick tournament in Pembroke in November, and B champs in the Campbellford tournament earlier in the season. Many thanks to coaches Doug Fleming, Clint Hadwen, and Gary Utman for their efforts and enthusiasm throughout the season. Special thanks to Manager Janet Graff, whose commitment, organizational skills, and planning made for an enjoyable season for both players and parents.

The players and parents would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Stirling Legion Branch 228 for their continued sponsorship and support of PeeWee hockey in Stirling. A nally, thanks to the loc pers for printing the n ous articles subn throughout the se which keep familie friends informed o cesses and accom ments.

Thank you post office

by Nancy Derrer

In mid-February, in a rush, I drove off to pick up something in Peterborough. On my way out the door, I picked up a small parcel I intended to mail to the U.S.

Stopping at a postal depot east of Peterborough, I discovered that I had forgotten to look up the address in my book – at home. Undaunted, I went in, filled out the customs slip, had it weighed, had it insured and brought it back home to address.

The next day, while in Marmora, I dropped it in the post office, confident that all was well.

The phone rang the next day and it was ... the Marmora post office.

Was this a packet or a parcel? If a packet, the wrong insurance stickers had been purchased. If a parcel, I owed about another $12. Ouch!

Later that day I dropped in to the Marmora post office and got it all straightened out.

The moral of the story is not 'never trust a postal depot'. The moral of the story is that the Marmora postal worker could have rightfully marked it "Return to Sender" and, days later, I'd have found it back in my own post box or, worse, I would have had to go and pick it up at my local post office.

I'm sorry I didn't ask the woman postal worker her name so credit would fall where credit is due.

Thank you to the Marmora postal worker for taking the time to call me so the parcel got on its way without delay.

Man Hurt

On March 5 at approximately 12:20pm, Centre Hastings OPP officers were called to attend a logging accident on the North Marmora Road in the Municipality of Marmora and Lake.

The investigation revealed that Wyatt Ellis, 31, of Marmora, was operating a logging skidder. Ellis reversed over a log lying on the ground. The log end came up into the air and into the skidder, striking Ellis in the leg.

Ellis was transported to Belleville General Hospital with leg injuries. The Ministry of Labour was notified and is investigating the incident jointly with the OPP.

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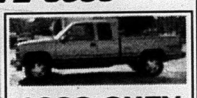
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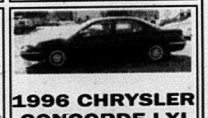
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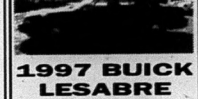
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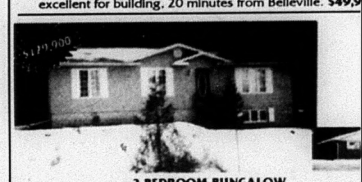
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Maple syrup time: Lori Burtt and her family, along with the Norwood Lions Club, are excited about this year's Maplefest family day. The second annual event at Linlor Farm will take place Mar. 24 from 10 am until 3 pm.
Photo/Bill Freeman

Norwood Lions maplefest will serve up sweet family fun

Burtt family ready to welcome guests to second annual festival

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood - Maple syrup is an elegant and lush product that captures the imagination as much as it does the tastebuds. And when its season has arrived it is a Canadian tradition as sweet and as wonderful as winning gold medals at international hockey matches.

Lindsay and Lori Burtt, their three young children, scores of neighbours, family volunteers and the enterprising Norwood Lions Club are more than happy to participate in this springtime celebration. And they will do so on Mar. 24 when Linlor Farm and the Norwood Lions join together to present the second annual Maplefest Day at the Burtt's historic farm off the 4th Line of Asphodel near the Humphries Line.

"Things are falling into place nicely," Lori said during an interview earlier this month when Mother Nature's fickle hand was something only a seer could predict.

Last year's inaugural event was an unqualified success with 400 people (more than twice as many as expected) from all over the region travelled to the Burtt's century farm to participate in a springtime ritual every bit as Canadian as the maple leaf itself.

"We are looking to double that again. Eight hundred is the figure we have in mind," says Lori of Maplefest 2002. "That's a lot of people through in five hours.

"We don't want it to get too overwhelming. It might lose its intimacy -- we don't want it to get huge. We want to try to keep it for the community.

"But you don't know what you can get," Lori readily admits while mentioning the extraordinary maple syrup festival in Elmira, with a population of 7500, that now attracts 85,000 visitors and is run by a 38-person committee that calls on the help of 2,000 volunteers.

Last year, the weather was not as congenial as organizers had hoped for but that was clearly not a deterrent as visitors flocked to the site to enjoy traditional pancakes and sausages topped by some irresistible maple syrup.

Again his year there will be a plentiful supply of old fashioned maple taffy on snow, wagon rides into the woods for tours along self-guided walking trails, tours of the Burtt's fine new sugar house. Youngsters can enjoy pony rides and a play area that will include log-sawing. Visitors could warm themselves up (if log-sawing hadn't already done the trick) around traditional iron pots of boiling sap.

There will even be some noontime fiddle playing by Erin Webb.

"It was not a great day," Lori says of last ye weather, "but people did mind."

In fact, she heard n ing but positive comm about the inaugural even that bodes well for year's festival.

"We haven't char things a lot this year. time is a bit different (1 until 3 pm) and it is sp out a little more."

"We could never h been able to do it withou Lions Club," she says.

And then there are fa members, neighbours other community volun who help bring it all tog with pleasure and enth asm.

And those helpers inc the Burtt's three chil who are "official taste ers.

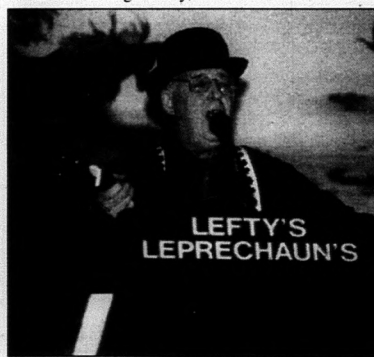
"They had a good last year," Lori says.

"They are a great h When syrup time co they get off the school and go into the woods help). But we don't for on them."

The Burtts first

Carnival time: The Norwood and District Skating Club was in dazzling form last Sunday afternoon during the club's 33rd annual gala on ice. Tornado-like winds didn't seem to stop people from flocking to the Coliseum to watch the club's talented skaters -- of all ages and all skill levels-- strut their stuff. The also enjoyed marvellous routines by guest skaters Jennie Fitzsimmons and pairs Jessica Posavad and Erik Moloney.
Photos/Bill Freeman

Snow White On Ice dazzles!



***Irish flare:** Lefty's Leprechauns were in a sprightly m Friday night at the Norwood Town Hall leading the during a lively night of St. Patrick's Day entertain hosted by Christ Church Anglican. The program was packed with high spirited performers who were on sta help raise funds for the Anglican Church's restoration campaign.*
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KPR rails against decision to dump GST rebat

Peterborough--The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board has approved the contract for construction and alterations of one school, the closure of another and the naming of a third.

Trustees also decided to support traffic safety concerns at yet another school, in addition to the announcement of transportation funding to bus operators. Plans also call for a petition to the federal government for GST rebates it is planning to discontinue.

The Board, at its Feb. 28th meeting, adopted a Resource Committee recommendation to ask the federal Minister of Finance and local Members of Parliament to reconsider a plan that would eliminate some GST rebates to school boards. The Finance Minister, in December, announced plans for a retroactive change to the Excise Tax Act, which would eliminate rebates to school boards for GST they paid on transportation contracts.

Kawartha Pine Ridge is part of a consortium of more than 40 Ontario school boards, which had previously launched a claim before the Federal Court of Appeal to increase the rate of the GST, refund on transportation contracts. "The Excise Tax Act amendment being proposed would eliminate our consortium's court action, in effect discriminating against the Boards like ours who have been waiting for those increased GST rebates," explains Business Superintendent Bob Allison.

Retroactive to '91

"The amendment, if adopted as proposed by the Minister of Finance, would be made retroactive to January, 1991 when the GST came into effort," he adds. "Therefore this Board would stand to lose $1.6 million."

Good news has surfaced for transportation as trustees decided to distribute an additional $724,562 in transportation funding to the Board's bus operators. When the provincial Ministry of Education announced the additional, one-time funding to school boards in December, it indicated the monies were to be used to address cost pressures in transportation.

"We have been having discussions with our 50 bus operators regarding the distribution of the funds," says Administrative Services Superintendent Joe Huber. "Administration will proceed with disbursing the funds."

It is the second time in two years that the Board has received and distributed to the operators additional provincial funding to compensate for the escalating cost of fuel and other pressures.

Courtice South Closure

Trustees offered final approval for the closure of Courtice South Public School in Clarington, effective June 30th. The decision was in line with recommendations offered by a joint community/Board ad hoc school review committee, community members, administration and the Board's own Committee of the Whole.

Trustees also decided to transfer the 254 junior kindergarten to grade 3 students from Courtice South to the new dual track elementary school now being built near Prestonvale Road and to Lydia Trull PS, effective Sept. 2002. Up to $20,000 will be set aside for the move. Administration will proceed with disposing of the Courtice building and property once they are empty.

Better Served

"Trustees agreed with the community that the students will be better served at the other schools," said Board vice-chair Angela Lloyd. "They will have support from older students, better facilities, a gymnasium, a full-time principal and vice-principal on site, and siblings attending the same school.

"The Board will also save on transportation costs, and closure of the older Courtice South school will generate an estimated $220,764 in savings," she added.

The building and property will be offered first to the Ontario Realty Corporation and other school boards, and secondly to the municipality and post-secondary institutions. Only after that may it be offered for public sale.

Addition at Chemong

The Board approved a $1.45 million tender from Garritano Bros. Ltd of Oshawa for renovations to proceed at the Chemong Public School in Bridgenorth. With GST, total cost of the project will be $1.5 million. The approved tender was the lowest of the 10 received.

A five-room addition will be built at Chemong, and upgrades will be made to parking, mechanical systems, the boiler, septic tank roofing and painting. The addition will accommodate students from Chemong Junior PS. The Board voted last May to close the 125-year-old junior school, located just across a field from the main school, and move the students to their new accommodations in September 2002.

Closure of the junior school will save $250,000 in upgrading and renovations that would have been required to the junior school. It also will generate $160,600 in new annual "pu- pil place dollars Ministry of Educa dollars, i9n turn, to fund the add main school bu junior school buil available for pub

proached the Lions Club with the idea in 1999, the year they built their elegant new sugar house with its state-of-the art stainless steel evaporator.

"When we built the new sugar house with its new equipment we wanted to open it up the let people see it," says Lori.

She and her husband Lindsay thought it would be nice to do a fund-raiser for the community and mentioned this to the Lions Club. The following December they met with the Lions and started to plan in earnest a festival for March 2001.

"There were some initial concerns about other festivals in the area but people certainly seem to enjoy them."

A small festival committee meets to map things out including the free shuttle bus runs -- this year they will run from the Begg Fuels parking lot in Norwood and the Hastings Civic Centre with Stewart Motors donating the buses and volunteer drivers. Hilray Farms donates the tent and tables.

And because of last year's success Lori says there will not be as much work this year.

What visitors will be enjoying at Linlor Farm is a family tradition that spans four, and quite possibly five generations.

"I grew up with it and this is the fourth generation," Lori says, adding that it was more than possible that a fifth generation tapped for maple syrup on the Humphries farm.

She and Lindsay have been producing maple syrup on their won for the past 13 years tapping on both their 275 acre farm and her mother's adjacent property of 100 acres. In all, they tap just under 1,000 trees. Last year they drew from around 960 trees because of the snow.

"They are mainly all buckets but there are between 100-125 that are on a pipeline along the eastern slope (of the farm)."

Lori says they tap half of what they could but running a pipeline can be quite expensive and time available to them is limited.

The Burtts run a full-time excavating business so management of time dedicated to the maple syrup operation

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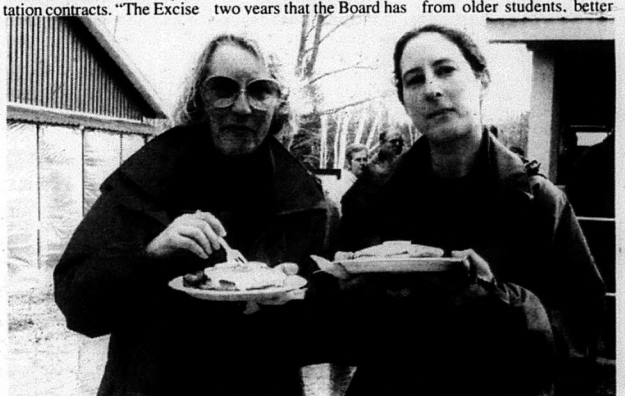

Visitors From Ajax--Regular visitors to the Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival are the Vranic family of Ajax, Ont. Mother and daughter, Barbara and Manda Vranic, look eager to tackle their plates of pancakes, sausages and award-winning Sandy Flats sugar bush syrup last Saturday. Large crowds were lured to the area for what has developed into one of the most successful maple syrup festivals in the province. photo/Rolly Ethier.

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Club 55 Plus
(Feb. 19th)

Team Standings--One Pin Short, 10; C-Us-Go, 9; Spinners, 8.**High Averages**--Carl Dorge, 188; Gord Gardner, 179; Robert Sutherland, 179; Marlene Harris, 193; Darryl Barth, 172; Shirley Brown, 169.

High Singles Flat--Carl Dorge, 301; Gord Mead, 269; Vern Madder, 265; Anna Heikamp, 287; Marlene Harris, 276; Trudy Runciman, 265; Shirley Brown, 265.

High Triples Flat--Carl Dorge, 708; Gord Mead, 678; Gord Gardner, 657; Marlene Harris, 688; Darryl Barth, 648; Anna Heikamp, 631.

Club 55 Plus
(March 12th)

Team Standings--Hummingbirds, 24; Spinners, 22; Troubleshooters, 21.

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High Singles Flat--Carl Dorge, 301; Jack Gummer, 286; Gord Mead, 269; Marlene Harris, 303; Anna Heikamp, 287; Darryl Barth, 283.

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(March 5th)

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February Bowlers of the Month--Robert Sutherland and Bineke deJong.

LETTER TO THE EDITO

Tax levy for centr an option, reader

Dear Editor:

May I first start my comments on the proposed Recreational Sports Complex by complimenting the *Norwood Register* on its balanced and excellent coverage of this important township issue. From the beginning, township residents have never had the opportunity to express their views on this issue. At the time it did not appear necessary. The prospect of a huge government grant precluded consultation. The Register therefore provides an important public forum, where information is disseminated and different points of view can be expressed. It is unfortunate although understandable that a number of letters to the editor are unsigned. I respect the author's wish to remain anonymous. Their viewpoint as expressed is clear and legitimate. A plebiscite would have allowed everyone to express their opinion freely.

Efforts on the part of myself to persuade Council to hold a plebiscite were however rejected! (See report Norwood Register February 23, 2002.) A plebiscite, it should be remembered is a legitimate democratic tool for assessing public opinion. In no way would Council have had to be bound by the results.

The question of a tax levy to finance the arena is not new. In raising funds, Action 2000 until recently, has stressed that they were not in favour themselves of a tax levy. With the reduction of government funding from 60% to 40% Action 2000's position has changed radically. They now argue that to build their particular choice of an arena is not possible without funding from the taxpayers of Asphodel-Norwood. It has since emerged that this may not be entirely correct, see Register February 23, 2002 where it is reported that Task Force Engineering, of Belleville , is prepared to submit a detailed proposal to Action 2000 and Council. This proposal could fall well within budget.

Many people, including this writer, already find property taxes oppressive and are opposed to the suggestion of a special tax levy. Like myself they have expressed their opinion as individuals. Many have questioned the deluxe nature of the project, especially a banquet hall for 350 people! That masquerades as a general meeting room.

The recent presentation of the Royal Canadian Legion to Council represents an organized and respected institution in the township. It's record of service to the community is second to none and the executive would have been derelict in their du if they had not come ward at this time and sessed the impact of the posed complex. Clearly banquet room is seen "sword of Damascu threatening not only t ability to raise funds but of other organizations.

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As many as 1 out of 5 vehicles isn't up to standard.
Smog is everyone's concern. In Ontario, the largest local source of smog-causing pollutants is vehicles. By properly maintaining them, we can all do something positive for the air we breathe.

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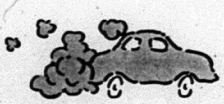
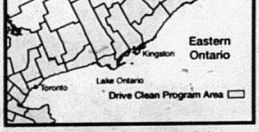


Drive Clean is a major component of Ontario's air quality strategy. It requires emissions testing of cars, vans, trucks and buses as part of the registration renewal process. Polluting vehicles must be repaired, which immediately helps improve the quality of our air.

Will your car need a test?
If you have a light-duty vehicle more than three model years old and less than 20 in the Drive Clean program area, you will require an emissions test every two years to renew the licence plate. In the expansion area, this applies to vehicles with licence expiry dates on or after July 1.



You will receive a notice of the emissions test requirement up to 90 days before your plate expires. After July 1, an emissions test will also be required for most re-sale vehicles.

Heavy-duty non-diesel vehicles will require testing in the Drive Clean area. Diesel-powered heavy-duty vehicles have required testing province-wide since 1999.

How to get a Drive Clean test.
Once you receive a notice that your vehicle requires a test, or if you want to sell a vehicle, take it to an accredited Drive Clean facility. These facilities will begin operating in the expansion area in April.

What happens after the test?
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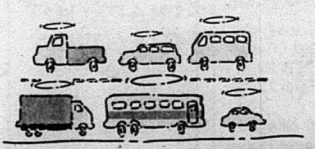

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Reader opposes levy for rec. centre

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of the complex. (I note that other writers have questioned paved parking for 300 cars)

In emphasizing the Legion's position that Branch 300 were opposed to a tax levy on ratepayers, the President of the Royal Canadian Legion reminded Reeve D. Pearcy, of the "promise not to raise funds based upon property taxes" he made on March 4,1998. (Legion Minutes)

Why the Reeve should have had such a volcanic eruption when reminded of his promise by the President of the Royal Canadian Legion is beyond comprehension? Furthermore, to say "If I said anything about it being on the tax bill it was that we hoped it would not be on the tax bill." This smacks of a form of "doublespeak" to this writer!

As late as December 9, 2000 an article in the *Norwood Register* entitled "Reeve speaks out on key issues facing Council", Reeve Pearcy is quoted on a number of key points "The single largest issue facing Council will be to balance the available dollars with the wishes of the people" (whose wishes were for a swimming pool) the Reeve referred to Action 2000 and spoke warmly of their efforts and the hope that the federal and provincial governments could come to terms over an infrastructure program. Then he went on to say " He was adamant that Council "stands by its commitment" that the project will not be placed on the property tax bill."

Since the Register's report covered the opening of a new Council following the traditional ceremony of induction of a new Council, the township Clerk took down the minutes. I give an extract, December 4 ,2000, "Meeting turned over to Reeve Doug Pearcy".

"It is anticipated that there will be funds available for Action 2000 under the infrastructure programs. Reeve Pearcy stands by Action 2000 Committee's statement that the new sports complex would not be funded out of tax dollars."

As the reader can see, the promise not to apply a tax levy on property has been derived from three different sources, recorded by three different individuals. Surely they all cannot be wrong? Now that the chief magistrate's memory has been jogged, it is hoped that he will live up to his statements. In the mean time "me thinks he doth protest too much".

Robert J. Gordon
Asphodel-Norwood

Celtic Art Demonstration--The Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival offered an opportunity for sisters Michele Fairfield and Suzanne Towns to demonstrated their embroidery skills. The work is linked to their unique creation of Pieces of the Past Celtic Art. Designs adapted from the ancient Celtic world are embroidered on vintage linen, mounted between mat and paper, encased in glass and finished with ironwork frames. It's an art that is fast gaining an interest for collectors in the art world. photo/Rolly Ethier.

Maple Lodge
claim Leo title

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Adam Terry away. Terry then set up Jamie made no mistake with the first, and game-w

Less than one minute later, Travis Barnet to Chad Buchanan who fired a hot shot on r a rebound for Steven Book who made it 2-

In the second frame, Phillipe and Terry al Brandon sparked some more action. In the of the period a Terry to Brandon to Phillipe on the scoreboard.

Then, with less than a minute to play Phillipe took a shot that drew the Chiefs' g net. A loose rebound was corralled by Brand the puck to Terry for the team's fourth goa

All season long the *P-T-B* line has grow that knowledge and comfort level created posing goalies.

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Congratulations to the Maple Lodge B's another hockey title to Asphodel-Norwo every right to be proud of their successful

Monday nighters give pins a bruisin'

By Art Sels

Hastings - The Monday Night Mixed Bowling League had an evening of tremendous action mowing down the pins. You can see from the pinfall that more of us are bowling over 200.

Results from action between the gutters at Dodd's Lanes in Hastings Mar. 4 included high singles by Terry Chapman 317, 249, 188; John Messacar 270, 223, 196; Art Sels 250, 231, 168; Dale McColl 245, 173; Dave Harper 236, 233, 171; Glenda Glenn 230; Marjorie Wilson 222; Helen Ward 214, 198, 191; Lyn Miller 207, 203; Paul Cardwell 201, 198; John Glenn 201, 194, 173; Lori Zapletal 190; Gerry Kostal 189, 180; Maureen Kostal 189; Bernie Heffernan 187, 150; Helen Wilford 179, 166; Isabella Sels 173; Ellwood Sweeting 169, 151; Katie Wilson 166; Malcolm Pacey 162, 153; Herb Cooper 162; Fran Heffernan 161, 159, 157; John Gilmour 160, 151; Blanche Collinson 158; Fred Sauder 143; Carol Cooper 142.

High triples went to Terry 754; John Messacar 689; Art 649; Dave 640; Helen Ward 603; John Glenn 658; Dale 565; Paul 550; Lyn 549; Lori 517; Glenda 514; Gerry 512; Marjorie 500; Bernie 583; Fran 477; Helen Wilford 469; Maureen 464; Katie 456; Malcolm 455; John Gilmour 44; Ellwood 444; Herb 431 and Isabella 417.

On Mar. 2 a team of Terry, Art, Steve Chamberlain, Gord McCauley, Rob Millard became the **Zone National Classified 5 Pin** bowling champs. On April 6 we have to represent our Zone at the regional finals in Trenton. Bowlers, don't forget to cheer for us!!

On Mar. 11 high single performances went to Gerry 259; Doug 255, 214, 191; Malcolm 248, 228, 271; Terry 241, 220, 211; Dale 240, 196; John Messacar 239, 221; Art 236, 192; Helen Wilford 216; Paul 201, 198; John Gilmour 197; Helen Ward 196, 164; Blanche 196, 162; Dave 194; Bernie 191; Marjorie 190, 178, 177; Herb.190; Isabella 189, 150; Murray 187, 176; Paul 180; Don 179. 158; Frigo 178; Lori 177, 156; Ellwood 176, 167, 165; Carol 172, 157; Fran 168, 157; Katie and Fred tied with 157; Jane 155, 148 and Maureen 152, 149.

High triples went to Terry 672; Doug 660; Malcolm 647; John Messacar 622; Dale 605; Art 567; Paul 550; Marjorie 454; John Gilmour and Elwood each with 508; Murray 507; Helen Ward 506; Dave 493; Don 492; Gerry 489; Lori 488; Carol 479; Paul 471; Isabella 470; Blanche 467; Helen Wilford 465; Fran 463; Bernie 459; Herb 455; Katie and Frigo 438; Maureen 430 and Jane 428.

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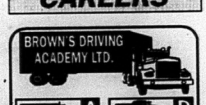

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Seniors strut their stuff at Dodd's

By Eileen Young
(Special to *The Star*)

Hastings - During the week of Mar. 3-8 the Hastings 5 Pin Bowling Association bowled for a spot in the Senior Tournament and the new Junior-Senior Tournament sponsored by the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association. Every bowler played for pins over average and there were some mighty impressive results.

In the **Junior-Senior Division** for women the winner was Evelyn Eldridge from the **Monday Afternoon Ladies League** with 166 pins over her average. In second place was Glenda Glenn from the **Tuesday Afternoon League** with +90 and in third was Ellie Graham from **Tuesday Afternoon** with +82.

On the men's side, Terry Chapman of the **Tuesday Afternoon League** took first place with +119; second went to Art Sels from **Monday Night** with +105. Art, representing the **Tuesday Afternooners** also took third place with + 68.

In the women's **Senior Division,** Mary Moore from **Tuesday Afternoon** took first with +117; Shirley Dubois from **Tuesday Afternoon** was second with +91.

On the men's side, John Glenn from **Tuesday Afternoon** was first with +76; Al Millard from the **Wednesday Night Men's League** was second with +59 and Tom Anderson also from **Wednesday Night** was third with +50.

The top bowlers from each category will go on to the provincial championships May 29 in Oshawa at the North End Bowl. We wish them all good luck and have fun!!

Lions Maplefest wil be perfect family da

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can require quite a balancing act.

"It (maple syrup) is more than a hobby but it is part-time," she says. "Still, we enjoy it."

The addition of the new sugar house has streamlined things substantially. The old house was on Lori's mother's farm but it was way back into the woods.

"It was a beautiful setting but it was an old building and the evaporator was 40-50 years old and needed desperately to be replaced."

The Burtts knew that "if they wanted a business they had to go this way."

They have no doubt they made the right decision.

"It has worked out so well," Lori says.

The new house is in a perfect location for visiting school groups and others who might not have been able to trek back into the woods to visit the old sugar house.

Before, they had to bring everything in including the syrup and there was no hydro or water.

"It is a lot more efficient here," Lori says, noting the gleaming stainless steel equipment and a secondary room where they can sell their "Seal of Quality" maple syrup products.

The Ontario Maple Seal of Quality is a voluntary producer-led quality assurance program that allows producers to rate their maple operation from woodlot to the packaged maple syrup.

"It is similar to the environmental farm plan," says Lori. "You grade your own farm step-by-step: everything from the sugar bush itself to the roads, the taps on the trees and how the finished product is presented.

"It is a producer-run not government run thing," she adds.

Monitors from the Producers Association and government inspectors ensure compliance with the criteria established by the Ontario Maple Producers Association (OMSPA).

"People like to see this," Lori says. The OMSPA seal also means producers can charge a little bit more for their product in retail establishments.

Linlor Farm produces maple syrup, maple butter and maple sugar and utilizes the services of Brenda Steed's "candy kitchen" in nearby Otonabee-South Monaghan to finish some of their products.

That brings up the question of predicting this year's production.

"Last year was horrible," Lori says. "The quality was very high (but) it just didn't run enough and the weather was so variable and there was just so much snow."

She producers look for night-time temperatures of between minus 5 to minus 4 Celsius and daytime temperatures of plus 7 to plus 8 degrees.

"Across the province (in 2001) it was not a good year. It was really spotty."

Asked on Feb. 19 about this year's production Lori said she really didn't "have a clue" about how things were going to turn out.

"We really haven't had a winter. In southwestern Ontario they made syrup in January (and) they are generally two to three weeks ahead (of us). It is so dependent on the weather."

"I anticipate it is going to be an early year," she predicted, noting that the Steed's farm was already 60 per cent tapped. The Burtts had yet to tap their trees and were wary of tapping too soon (90 per cent of their taps require buckets).

"When we first started we made enough to fill orders and for our family. Now we try to meet as much as we can in a year."

Global sales

And those orders are global with maple syrup finding its way to places as diverse as China, India, California and Japan, where maple syrup is a delicacy.

"It is kind of a unique product. There is no other place in the world where it can grow."

Canada and the United States are the only maple syrup producing countries in the world and Ontario is the fourth largest producer in the world.

Lori admits that when they first started out as producers things could be frustrating because of the weather.

"We just went with the flow. You really do have a small window."

Ninety per cent of their sales are at the farm gate with some sold at market, like the burgeoning one in Hastings, and at other retail outlets. Lori enjoys the opportunity of educating people about this "unique" Canadian product.

"The lighter syrup is produced at the beginning of the season when the weather is colder. As the year gets warmer it darkens off. The older customers know that the lighter the syrup the better. You can taste the difference."

There are two maple syrup grades and four colour classifications. Canada #1 includes extra light, light and medium while Canada #2 includes amber and Ontario amber.

Lori reminds people that it is all the same thickness regardless of colour.

Extra light has a very delicate maple flavour and is best for pancakes and waffles. Light also has a delicate maple flavour and is used for French, dessert toppings and breakfast cereals. Medium has a distinct maple flavour and is used for glazing.

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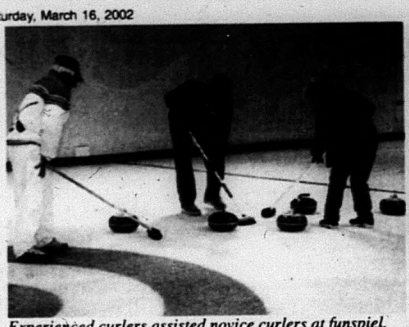
The Government of Canada through Industry Canada and the Government of Ontario through SuperBuild will each contribute up to $42,935 to the project. The Municipality of Marmora and Lake will invest the balance of the project's total cost of $128,805.



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Curl for Kids draws 16 teams

by Myrtle Barry

Marmora – Sixty-four people, many of whom were novice curlers, took to the ice at the Marmora Curling Club Saturday, March 9, for the 17th annual Curl for Kids bonspiel. Chair of this year's event, whose proceeds go to support Camp Oochigeas, a camp for children with cancer, was Jack Douglas assisted by myself. Each team curled two 6-end games with a role of the dice being the deciding factor in the scoring of the end.

Camp Oochigeas representatives Maija Bradshaw and Hillary Smith paid a visit. They spoke to all the curlers and thanked everyone for their continued support of the camp. Maija and Hillary, neither of whom had curled before, tried their luck for the first time. Both thoroughly enjoyed the new experience.

Nancy and Don Sheppard of Belleville, long-time supporters of the event, held a silent auction that raised $110 for the camp. Liana Kahler of Madoc the winner of a wooden end table made by Mr. Sheppard.

Several people tested their curling skills at curling closest to the button; the only catch was they had to curl from corner to corner (throwing a stone from ice four to ice one). The winner was Lori Caverly of Marmora, winning $28 (the 50-50 draw) and the camp received the other $28.

Each curler brought a wrapped gift and got to pick from the prize table according to their standings from first to sixteenth. Tickets were also sold on seven different gifts, all donated.

Jim Ross of Plainfield won first prize in the raffle (A Sharp stereo system donated by Bush Furniture of Madoc). Second prize, a wine and cheese basket donated by Cathy and Mike Lynch of Marmora, was won by Steve and Nancy Sopha, Marmora. Dave Mocon of Marmora won third prize, a handcrafted chalet donated by Bart Hampson.

The overall winner of the day was a team skipped by Debbie Bonter of Trenton, with team members El Killian of Marmora, Lila Curl of Madoc and Yvonne Boozan, Marmora. They swept their way to victory with 25 points and each received a plaque and prize.

Organizers thank everyone – the Marmora Curling Club, club members and all volunteers for a very successful day in helping to raise approximately $3,700 for Camp Oochigeas.

Hockey sweater winner

Marmora – Winner of the autographed Steve Yzerman Team Canada hockey sweater, valued at $400, was Maureen March. General Mills and Marmora IGA sponsored the draw.

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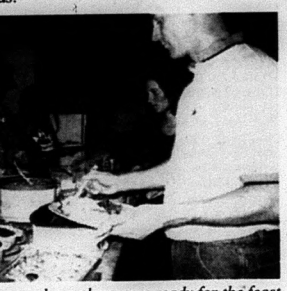

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Ironically, Mr. Haskell drives car carriers for Allied Systems through Ontario, Quebec and Michigan. He is married to Irene and has a 17-year old daughter, Bonnie Jean, living at home.

He declined our offer to have his photograph taken.

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M.H.S. - Tony Berkers 220, Les Boutilier 211, Elmer Davidson 210.

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Tuesday Night

L.H.S. - Tracy Eagleton 247, Lynette Richardson 227, Kate Mitts 224.

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M.H.S. - Mike Leveque 278, Mike Newland 269, Rob Dent 254.

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Wednesday Night

L.H.S. - Lorie Sexton 235, Lorie O'Halloran 233, Esma Lewis 214.

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M.H.S. - Randy Coe 265, Roger York 216, Dennis Ray 185.

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Thursday Afternoon

L.H.S. - Jean Kruse 200, Shirley Donely 184, Betty Smith 174.

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M.H.S. - Nick O'Coin 223, Ray Brannigan 188, Bruce Roy 184.

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M.H.S. - Mike Leveque 237, Robert McQuigge 234, Ernie Guimond 230.

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OPP Report

Madoc Township Youth Faces Charges

On the 10th of March 2002 at approximately 11 P.M., Centre Hastings officers were called to a residence on the Stoney Settlement Road in Tudor Township, as their home had been damaged. Twelve windows in the house had been broken, and the front door was smashed. Inside the residence, a woodstove was damaged.

As a result of the investigation a 14 year old Madoc Township youth was arrested and charged with mischief over $5000.

He was released from custody and will appear in Belleville Youth Court in April.

Madoc Township Man Charged with Sexual Assault

On the 8th of March 2002 a 34 year old female employee of a Madoc Township business advised police that her male employer had touched her inappropriately.

As a result of the investigation, a 45-year-old male of Madoc Township has been arrested and charged with sexual assault.

The accused remains in police custody, and will appear in Belleville Court on the 15th of March 2002 for a bail hearing.

The name of the accused is not being released as it could identify the victim.

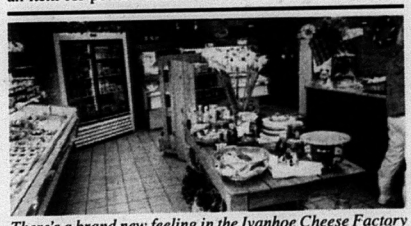
Obituary

A Message To All My Friends
By Geertje (Gertie) in't Veld

I'M FREE
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Euchre at Ivanhoe Hall

If you love to play competitive euchre, there are regular parties at the Ivanhoe Hall on Highway 62 in Ivanhoe. The spring schedule is as follows: March 18th, April 1st, 15th, & 29th, May 13th & 27th. All parties start promptly at 7:30; entry fee is a dollar per person. Ladies are asked to bring an item for potluck refreshments.



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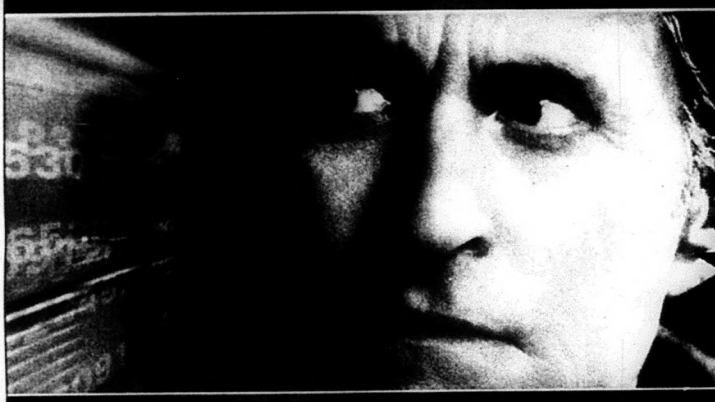

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Madoc Receives $40,000 Trillium Foundation Grant

Health Needs Study To Begin Soon

This past Tuesday, March 19th, The Centre Hastings Medical Centre Board had something to cheer about for a change. The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced on Tuesday the approval of a $40,000 grant to Madoc for the Health Needs Assessment project. The grant was realized because of combined community effort. Community members, local municipal governments, and the Medical Centre Board all worked together to make it a reality.

John Atkinson who Chairs the Needs Assessment Work Group said, "The generous funding of $40,000 will provide the opportunity to examine what health services are presently being provided ... and what health services are needed within the communities of central Hastings. It's the goal of the Medical Centre to gather relevant information, and with community and political support, to put forward a proposal to the Southeastern Ontario District Health Council, and the Ministry of Health for the development of a Community Health Centre."

The Medical Board has determined that the most effective model of health care delivery would be a Community Health Centre. There are a number of them around the province, and they've proven especially effective in providing a range of health care services to rural, under-serviced areas.

Board member Crichton Harrop said, "We've visited several rural Community Health Centres; we've been impressed with the way the Centres respond to a variety of needs. This includes primary health care delivered by salaried doctors and nurse practitioners, health promotion, physiotherapy, clinics for specific diseases, and other services specific to the needs of each, individual community."

Another member of the Work Group, Dave Schultz, has been working with the Medical Board for over a year, gathering community support for the development of a Community Health Centre in Madoc. Schultz says, "We'll be looking for input from the citizens of central Hastings through a household survey. Through this survey, we'll be seeking views about what health care services are needed here."

He went on to say that the Board will be holding community meetings throughout the area, inviting the public to attend and make their views known. In addition, the Board will meet with key health care providers from the region to gather their input and support. Public meetings will be announced in both local weekly papers.

In the words of Chair John Atkinson, "It will be up to the citizens here in central Hastings to let us know clearly what their health concerns are, and how we must address these concerns. We're looking forward to great participation from young people, families, parents and seniors ... as well as all levels of government ... to help us make the case for the best health care services we can develop and deliver. The grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will give us the resources to assess the health care needs, and come up with an effective design and action plan."

The Needs Assessment Work Group which will

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Madoc Cadet Receives Award

Monday evening was a very special evening for Lucas Vesterfelt of Ma of very hard work and a national exam, Lucas got his reward in the Cadet Certificate and Badge. This is the highest qualification at hi and friends were on hand at The Kiwanis Centre to celebrate the awa

Mike Sniderhan of Madoc making Maple Syrup the old-fashioned way. They tap about 600 trees from which they'll take between 150 and 200 gallons of syrup this year. It's one of nature's delicious gifts, no doubt about it. But it takes a lot of hard work to produce this unique treat. No doubt about that either according to Mike. Is it worth the work? Try some of the Sniderhan's syrup and you'll know why it's worth the work.

IGA Open Today

The Madoc IGA underwent some major improvements this past week, hence the closed sign on the doors. All-new freezers and coolers have been installed, as well as an all-new look. The store reopened for business at 8:00 o'clock this morning, after a public Open House last evening.

This is the second major improvement to the IGA in recent years; the Produce Department and the line of produce carried was enlarged significantly about two years ago.

CoC Annual Meeting

The Madoc and District Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Meeting Tuesday night at the Old Town Hall. If you'd like to join the CoC, or would like information about any of its activities, call 473-1616.

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Good food, good fun, good funding! The Annual Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at Ivanhoe was a big success again this year. Cars lined Highway 62 on both sides through and beyond Ivanhoe; people packed the hall and waited in line to get in. Big kids love the fire engines and tiny kids love the talking doggie. Everybody loves the hearty fare; all you can eat for a good cause. This is the 17th year of the Fireman's Breakfast, and Deputy Chief Bill Pollock says approximately $2,400 was raised. The Firemen and organizers would like to send a personal thank-you to everyone for time spent and donations received. It's a real community effort and they couldn't do it without you.

Trillium Grant

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oversee the project, consists of John Atkinson, Chair, Crichton Harrop, Paul Healey, Heather Kirkwood, Andrew McMurray, Dave Schultz, and Mike Sniderhan. The Work Group has engaged the services of Darnell Consulting Inc., of Warkworth. This firm specializes in providing management support to non-profit organizations, and has worked extensively with Community Health Centres. The project should be completed by the end of August.

To learn more or to volunteer: email - crichton.harrop@sympatico.ca or call 613-473-0024.

Letter to the Editor

Madame:

I applaud the efforts of our Council and others who are attempting to resolve the problems with finding a replacement for the admirable Dr. Derry. As is clearly apparent, this is a difficult if not impossible task. The shortage of physicians is common all over the province, and will not be relieved for another ten years. Given that, should we not be concentrating on trying to secure a Nurse Practitioner? These professionals are quite capable of taking care of many health problems and can refer more serious problems to the appropriate areas. It is realized that there is a shortage of this group, but if the town could recruit a Nurse and subsidize for the extra, required training needed to qualify as a Practitioner, we could look for some relief in two years time.

C. Godfrey,
R. R. 1, Madoc.

Community Key

Directory A Wealth Of Infor

"Schools, hospitals, media, social service agencies, government representatives ... you name it, it's in here!", explains Simon Ladell, Volunteer & Information Quinte's (VIQ) new Information Co-ordinator. Ladell has a big job ahead of him, updating and publishing the next edition of VIQ's popular *Community Key*, a directory of services for Hastings & Prince Edward.

Ladell says that the Community Key will be the greatest challenge he faces in the first few months in his new position. "Our entire community information database is updated annually to publish each edition of the Community Key. It's a handy publication used daily by every human service worker, so I would encourage every organization to call 969-8862 to ensure that their group is listed accurately."

The directory contains information on community services ranging from emergency accomodations and supports, to women's services. The directory also contains government reps, childcare services, clubs and associations, employment supports, ethnic and cultural organizations, and sports and recreation information. It provides quick lists of hospitals, schools, United Way member agencies, churches, media, volunteer centres, and community information centres.

"Though the directory focuses on local information, it also contains provincial and national contact information for some organizations not found locally," says Ladell. "And the directory is only the tip of the iceberg. It's built on the database we maintain here at the Information Centre. The database contains over 2,000 contacts, some of which are not published in the directory, but used to make referrals when people call our hotline looking for the right help."

VIQ Executive Director Heather Candler explains, "The database is used to support our information hotline. As a Community Information Centre, we try to bring information on services to everyone's fingertips. For most agencies and services in the community, that means a copy of the Community Key on their desk. In other cases, a caller will contact the Centre for the most up-to-date information, or with an unusual question. We use our database to answer these questions, or we research it until we have an answer, and then add that information to our database for the next caller. We love a challenge!"

The community information database is also used to support VIQ's Broadcast Fax Service. This service is available to member agencies or the public, and can used to contact local ser ices or businesses in a co effective way. Ladell say "Many agencies use t service to promote the upcoming fundraisers workshops. Each mont VIQ sends out a commun events calendar, listing mem ber agencies' activities over 900 contacts. And bu nesses have now started u ing the service to deliver th messages as well."

The Community Key published annually by Volu teer & Information Quin with generous funding su port from the United W and local service clubs. I available at their offices Century Place, or at t Bloomfield Resource Cent at a cost of $25 each.

OPP Report

Two Madoc Men Charg In Marmora

On March 15th at appro mately 7:30 p.m., Cent Hastings officers were call to attend Forsyth Street the Municipality of Marmo and Lake, in response to group of people fighting a causing problems. Office attended, and as a result the investigation, Cory Fin (18) of Madoc was charg with assault and causing disturbance. He was r leased from custody and w

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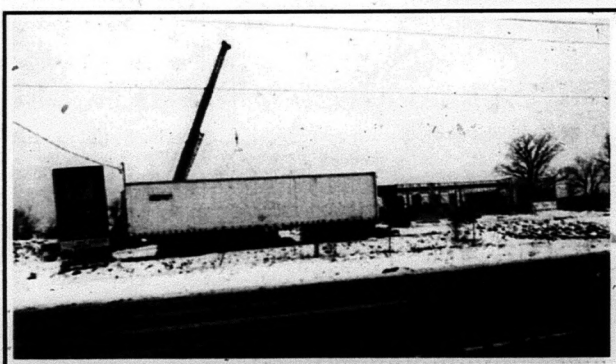

OPP HQ Taking Shape

The new OPP HQ on 7 at 62 is proceeding at a fairly brisk pace. The frames are going up and it won't be long before we see walls as the building takes shape. When the new HQ is finished and occupied sometime this fall, it will bring a lot of new activity to the corner.

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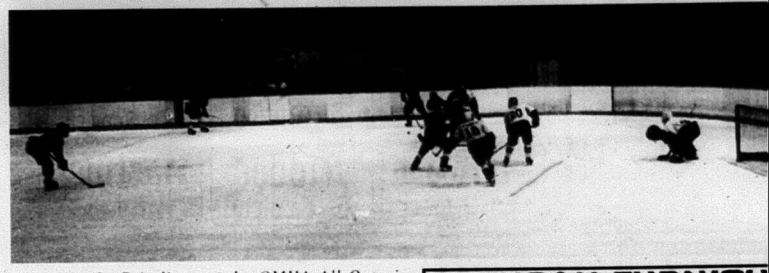

The Juvenile Grizzlies got the OMHA All-Ontario Championship underway against Mildmay last weekend to packed houses. This Madoc game ended 5-2 Grizzlies.

By Sherri Carman

Last weekend was very busy at both Madoc and Marmora Arenas, as the Doug Hunter Juveniles got the OMHA All-Ontario Championship underway against Mildmay to packed houses. Game 1 in Marmora on Saturday was a battle from the first face off, and the 4-all tie at the end of regulation time certainly reflected that battle. The clock read 8:10 in the OT period, when Mildmay banged home the game-winner. CH goals were from Mike McCann, Jesse Cassidy, Jesse Chapman, and Matt Cassidy. Earning assists were Matt Cassidy, Jason Wilson, Mike McCann, Evan Hailstone, Kyle Broek, and Frank Solmes. The next afternoon in Madoc, things were a little different. The Grizzlies came out scrapping and never let up, ending game two in a 5-2 victory! (No stats were available for this game.) The Juveniles will be on the road this weekend, as they travel to Mildmay for Games three and four of this best 4-of-7 series. Best of luck Grizzlies!

The Peewee DD Grizzlies are still alive and well in the Hastings Cup. Their last two games in the round robin were back to back, on the road last Saturday. First stop that day was for a 3 p.m. game in North Frontenac. They took out the opposition in a 6-4 win. At 7 p.m. in Tamworth, they were once again victorious, and ended that match 2-1. Their next round will be a best 2-of-3 series with Douro. They play Friday night in Douro, then on Monday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. in Marmora.

With the hockey season drawing to a close, we're getting ready for two annual events. On April 4th, the Annual General Meeting will take place upstairs at the Madoc Legion. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. This is so important to the future of minor hockey in the area so please plan to attend. For details about the meeting, call Sherri Carman at 473-1315. Friday, April 12th is the date for the Awards Banquet. It will be at the Curling Club in Marmora, and will be catered again this year by Nick. Please contact your own team Manager for reserved seating and more details.

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Cassie's team two wins from U.S. title

Brown University wins ECAC title, moves on to "Frozen Four" final

By Bill Freeman

Hanover N.H. - Campbellford's Cassie Turner, the Ivy League's top defenceman, will co-captain the Brown University Bears women's hockey team into the national collegiate "Frozen Four" championship this weekend.

The high-flying Brown Bears are two wins away from the U.S. national title after knocking off the Dartmouth Big Green 4-3 in a thrilling overtime final to claim the ECAC North League championship.

The St. Patrick's Day victory was played out in front of a partisan Dartmouth Green crowd at the Thompson Arena in Hanover, New Hampshire but the composed Brown squad never lost its focus even after falling behind 3-1 in the second frame.

The Bears had advanced to the ECAC North finals after a 3-1 win semi-final win over St. Lawrence College.

In the Frozen Four Brown will take on the University of Minnesota, (Twin Cities) Mar. 22 in one semi-final while the soaring Niagara University Purple Eagles, which posted the top regular season record in the ECAC, will face the defending champs from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, in the other match.

The two winners face-off Mar. 24 in the national championship final.

The University of Minnesota (28-3-5) is the top seed from the western region and claimed Western Collegiate Hockey Association regular season and tournament championship.

Brown, sporting a 24-7-2 record, would love to meet up with their ECAC rivals from Niagara Falls who posted a 26-7-1 record this year and beat Brown for the first time in its brief history this season.

In the ECAC final, Brown trailed 3-2 after nearly 18 minutes of play in the third period when first year player Katie Guay won a face-off in the Brown zone and skated down the ice alone beating Dartmouth goalie Amy Ferguson forcing overtime.

In OT, Kim Imalsco tipped in a rebound that hit the upper left post at the 8:57 mark to give Brown the title.

St. Patrick's Day gala: *The Norwood Area Artists shared their annual show and sale at the Pine Street Centre with the day that celebrates all things Irish and it couldn't have worked out any better. This is the seventh year the NAA has held its show and as is its custom their was a true explosion of talent on display including new works by Hastings artist Joanne Carlen. Along with Joanne, members of the NAA include Marion Duthie, Doris Gardner, Margorie Gorman, Therese Harman, Barb Rodgers, Sheila Stanley, Edna Stephens (who also provided entertainment on the piano) and Elli Urquhart. Tea, coffee and other refreshments were served by volunteers from Christ Church Anglican in Norwood.* ***Photo/Bill Freeman***

Trenval Supports Rural

Ready to ramble: *Trenval's Agriculture Committee C $1,000 cheque to Cathy McCann, Co-ordinator of Rura for the annual event held August 24 & 25 this year. Rural Ramble is a two-day, self-guided driving tour th competitions, bison, bees, sheep, maple syrup, trout, cows, horses, pigs, chickens, flowers, quilts, crafts, fr Programs and a map for route planning are available 3770. Two-day admission costs $8 in advance, $10 d free.*

Don't say No, Sa

Magic show mixe smoke-free health

By Rebecca Howson
(Special to *The Register*)

Norwood High - On Feb. 28, grade five and six students from Norwood Public, St. Paul's and Havelock-Belmont Schools were educated and entertained during a unique presentation held at Norwood District High. The magic show, entitled ***"Just Say MOE,"*** is designed to educate children about the risks of smoking.

Robert Maxwell and his wife Cheryl (Ta-dah!) have been performing for almost 10 years. After becoming full-time magicians in 1996, they began spreading their message across the world through television, at conventions, theatres and other functions.

Their unique show promotes smoke-free and healthy living to children and adults alike. Through an interactive format, the audience learns and has fun.

Robert started the program because of his personal experiences in the past lung disease. After win the battle, he vowed to and prevent the same e riences for someone else to educate children a smoking.

Robert gets his mes across with interactive tivities and of course (a magic show would be c plete with out it) with magic rabbit, MOE.

M stands for making right choices, **O** for op tunity of a lifetime and everyday is a smoke- day.

Robert had the audi play "The Fun game" ring MOE. The audie was divided into th groups (m, O and E). teams gained po throughout the show. A end of the show all t teams had tied their sc

He also had every c make a banner to displa three key messages: Eat Be Active and Stay Sm Free. These banners are displayed at local busine

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Robert provides students with many reasons not to start smoking such as "If I never start, I'll never have to stop." He also provided the children with information about the hazards of smoking while also telling them about his personal past with lung disease.

Robert hopes "someday to eventually educate all Ontario students on the harmful effects of smoking."

"I learned that I should not smoke," said student Ali Patterson.

It looks like Robert and Cheryl are off to a good start.

The performance came to an end with vegetable sticks and milk for the young students. But the fun doesn't stop there. Robert and Ta-Dah!'s website can be found at www.themagicallyhip.com where you can find information about the "Tell Me MOE" contest or about Robert and Ta-Dah!

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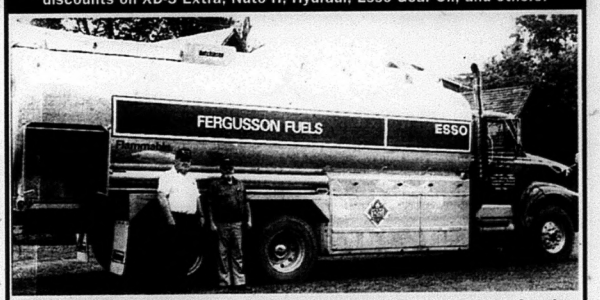

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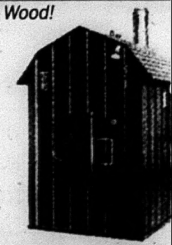

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Monday nighters hear sweet down of falling pins

By Art Sels

Hastings - The Mixed Monday Night Bowling League and its stars were shining again and striking it big while burning up the alleys at Dodd's Lanes.

Just looking at the pinfall should give bowlers the idea of the great Monday Nights we are having. There are five weeks left to finish the season. Just think, we can all join the "300 Club" by giving it our best.

Results from action between the gutters Mar. 18 included high singles by Terry Chapman 297, 243, 175; John Messacar 270, 232, 173; Art Sels 222, 176, 163; John Glenn 211, 196, 195; Dave Harper 204, 176, 163; Frigo Zapletal 196, 173; Lyn Miller 193, 186; Herb Cooper 192; Isabella Sels 189, 150; Marjorie Wilson 189; Maureen Kostal 188, 187; Helen Ward 188, 179, 170; Paul Cardwell 186, 178; Fran Heffernan 177; Dale McColl 176, 170; John Gilmour 176, 165; Helen Wilford 176; Gerry Kostal 174, 173; Malcolm Pacey 169, 167; Glenda Glenn 164, 157; Don Henry 164; Katie Wilson 163, 158; Blanche Collinson 161, 152; Ellwood Sweeting 153, 149; Carol Cooper 153; Jane Henry 151; Lori Zapletal 150; Bernie Heffernan 146.

High triples went to Terry 715; John Messacar 675; John Glenn 602; Art 561; Dave 543; Helen Ward 537; Maureen 532; Frigo 512; Dale 505; Paul 503; Isabella 470; Glenda 466; Gerry 464; Marjorie 460; Fran 447; Ellwood 440; Blanche 432; Helen Wilford 430; Herb 428; Lori 411; Don 405; Jane 402; Carol 400.

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Car Care: A spring tune-up reverses winter damag

(NC)–The design of modern engines and the ease of computer diagnosis have simplified car maintenance, but this has not eliminated the need for the traditional tune-up, especially in spring. Though vehicle manufacturers claim "No tune up for 100,000 kilometers" are necessary, to avoid siezing in the cylinder head, plugs should be removed, checked and the threads cleaned and lubricated with an approved anti-sieze grease once a year.

Consider the tune-up as a well deserved "time-out" for your automobile – a rejuvenation and replenishment that is not only important after a long, harsh winter, but equally necessary before those long, hot summer driving trips make demands of their own on your engine and ignition systems.

Spark plugs, the ignition system, fuel injection, oil and air filters, pcv valves and sensors should all be tested and replaced where necessary. Today's computerized engines make the job a precise science. The mechanic simply hooks up the engine to a computer and a diagnostic program quickly reports which engine parts need attention. Here are a few of this season's more innovative auto products, targeted to improve the longevity of your car:

• If spark plugs need replacing, ask for platinum-based plugs. They report fewer misfires, they reduce polluting emissions and improve mileage by burning fuel more efficiently. These plugs are designed to last longer and the platinum tips of the plugs virtually eliminate gap erosion. That will mean quicker starts and faster acceleration.

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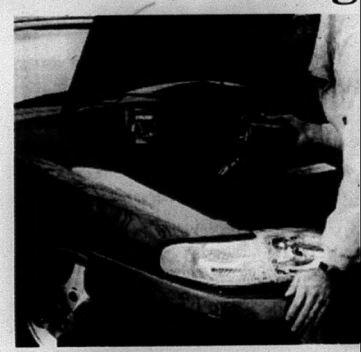

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(NC)-Getting better gas mileage while cutting pollution emissions is no longer a pipe dream for automotive manufacturers and the environmentally conscious. Every driver needs to do his/her best to help reduce emissions. One way to do so is by using quality spark plugs. New "plugs" can reduce emissions while promoting quicker starts and boost fuel economy. The platinum tip virtually eliminates gap erosion, which is the archenemy of fuel efficiency and pollution control.

With gap erosion your engine is more likely to misfire. (A misfire occurs when a cylinder does not fire properly, causing a loss of power and reduced fuel economy.) The unburned fuel causes increased levels of polluting emissions.

With more and more provinces enacting or considering passing emission control legislation it is a good idea to seek out and find ways to reduce the amount of air pollutants emitted by your vehicle's exhaust system.

Not only will our planet benefit, but you will as well. With a single spark plug you can drive 100,000 kilometers before needing a spark plug change and with the platinum-tipped plug your vehicle will go for 150,000 kilometers before it's time to get a new set of plugs.

One word of warning however, the extended life of the new brands of spark plug does not mean that your engine should be neglected for the 1st 100,000 kilometers. Before reaching 100,000 kms, your car will need several oil and oil filter changes, probably a PCV valve and frequent under the hood inspections.

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(NC)–There are few things more annoying to a driver than a windshield wiper blade that drags and screeches during a spring or summer rain, leaving streaks and smears that seriously impede vision.

Wiper blades in fact are among the hardest-working components of your car and it's essential for them to function properly. Most of the decisions you make while driving, after all, are based on what you see in front of you.

Remember that wiper blades have to contend with grime and grease, as well as with the hardening effects of aging. Friction soon wears down the cleaning edge and weather conditions can make the rubber brittle. Over time they lose contact with the windshield and ride on a built-up layer of dirt, oxidation and road grime. Eventually they have to be replaced.

The car pros suggest that replacing the blades once a year is a good rule of thumb. Survey research however, indicates that only one in three vehicle owners actually follow this recommendation. That means that two out of every three drivers may be tolerating poor wiper blade performance. Here are a few ways to improve this situation:

• Clean them off regularly. This will extend the blade life considerably.

• Develop a habit of checking wiper blades every time you clean your windshield.

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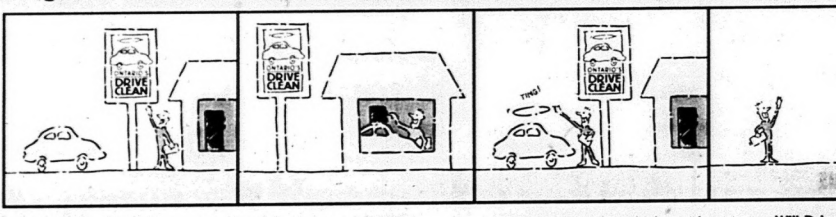

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How does the test work?
Your vehicle will be parked on a dynamometer – a kind of treadmill that allows it to be "driven" on the spot while a probe in the tailpipe analyzes the exhaust. Your vehicle's test results will be compared to the emission standards for its make and year. You will then receive a report on your vehicle's emissions.

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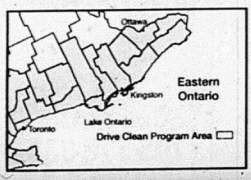
Who will be tested?
If you have a light-duty vehicle more than three model years old and less than 20 in the Drive Clean program area, you will require an emissions test every two years to renew the licence plate sticker. In the expansion area, this applies to vehicles with licences that expire on or after July 1.

You will receive a notice of the emissions test requirement up to 90 days before your registration expiry. The notices will begin arriving in April, 2002. After July 1, an emissions test will also be required for re-sale vehicles that are older than the current model year but less than 20 model years old. Heavy-duty non-diesel trucks and buses will require testing in the program area. Diesel-powered heavy-duty vehicles have required testing province-wide since 1999.



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Car Care Tip: Why do we need to change spark plugs?

(NC)–One of the simplest ways to keep your engine working at top efficiency and avoid wasting fuel is to change spark plugs at regular intervals.

The electrodes at the tip of a spark plug wear under use and the gap between them increases so that higher voltages are needed to jump the gap; under hard acceleration, high speeds or heavy loads, fuel-wasting misfires can occur.

In addition, a rich fuel mixture or poor oil control can foul the ceramic insulator on the spark plug tip. This will also promote misfires and can eventually cause the spark plug to stop functioning.

A new spark plug, which is a NASCAR official product, is a high performance plug which promotes quicker starts and boosts fuel economy. Its platinum tips virtually eliminates gap erosion.

Watch next week's paper for more "Wheels"!

Springtime tips for trouble-free driving

- Check engine oil whenever you gas up. Leaks can occur and low oil pressure can cause serious damage.
- Have your air filter checked regularly and your oil and oil filter changed at regular intervals. Dirty filters impair performance and pollute the environment. Every three months or 5,000 kilometers is highly recommended.
- The correct tire pressure extends tire life. Keep tires inflated to the vehicle manufacturer's suggested pressure – you'll usually find it on a sticker inside the driver's door jamb.
- Make sure your spare is inflated and your jack is handy. Check out quick-fix devices like: a tire inflation product, to temporarily mend and inflate your tire; and an automatic jump-start product, to re-start your car without booster cables.
- Top up windshield washer fluid regularly. You'll need it in summer as well as in winter.
- A smeared windshield cuts visibility dramatically. Clean off windshield wiper blades and change them at the first sign of wear. Consider a conditioner to keep them supple, effective, and to prolong their life.

Idling's a problem - even in summer

(NC)-It's common knowledge that idling a vehicle is a wasteful and destructive habit-it burns fuel but gets us nowhere, all the time generating unnecessary pollution. But you may be surprised to know that idling is a big problem in summer, as well as winter.

A recent study suggests that during summer, Canadians voluntarily idle their vehicles for a combined total of more than 46 million minutes per day-equivalent to one vehicle idling for 89 years. If every driver of a light-duty vehicle in Canada avoided idling for just five minutes per day, we would prevent more than 1.4 million tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.

As a rule of thumb, if you are going to be stopped for 10 seconds or more, except in traffic, turn the engine off. You'll save money and your vehicle won't be producing harmful emissions of carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas that is contributing to climate change.

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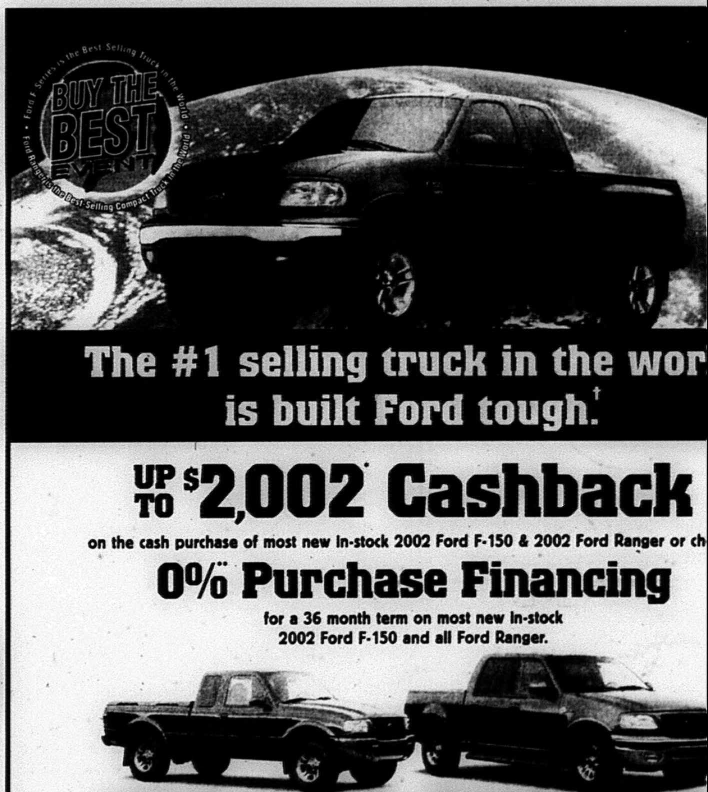

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Tires: the most important

By Denis Duquet

(NC)–Whatever you own–a luxury sedan or a subcompact econobox–tires are the only point of contact with the road. And this contact patch is very small, about the size of an adult's hand for each wheel. This is incredibly small for allowing more than one ton of steel, rubber and plastic to average speeds in excess of 100 km/h for many hours, while being responsible for grip in cornering and braking on dry, wet, or snow-covered roads.

In Formula 1 racing, tires play the most important role in obtaining success. Not only do race engineers choose ones that are as wide as the rules permit, but the rubber compound and carcass design are highly sophisticated.

So, it is of the utmost importance to invest as much as you can in high-quality tires. Too few people really know how tires can improve the handling of any vehicle. The worst mistake someone can make is to buy tires that are inferior in quality and overall performance to those which were factory installed. The best move is to invest in products of higher quality.

It is also important to insist on the fact that one person's choice may not be the best alternative for somebody else. For instance, most women are afraid of having to replace a flat tire. For them, a tire with a puncture guard is a good option. It has a self-sealing compound that is designed to instantly and permanently seal most tread punctures. Owners of high-performance cars are more interested in pr
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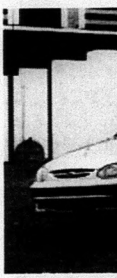

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(NC)–Vehicles today are subject to moisture, humidity, road salt and other airborne pollutants, not to mention the harsh Canadian weather conditions. These factors can all add to a car's deterioration.

Rust, like wrinkles, is a sure sign of a long but useful life. Some lives, however, are shorter than others, leaving many car owners feeling frustrated and cheated when it comes to their cars. Thanks to new corrosion-resistant steels, automakers have improved the way vehicles are built to last.

When a vehicle begins to rust, that corrosion can weaken the car's structural components such as the frame, exterior doors and body panels. In addition, corrosion of many other typical car parts including brakes and mufflers can cause unexpected or premature part failure. Corrosion-resistant steels are now a key part of the rust solution instead of a major part of the problem.

"Today's consumers are driving cars made with steels that weren't around ten years ago," says Mark Stephenson, president of TheSteelAlliance. "This means that consumers can enjoy their cars longer while still counting on the safety and security that steel is legendary for."

The most common areas of a vehicle to suffer corrosion include: floorboards, trunks, wheel wells, undercarriages, doors, hoods, bumpers, as well as brake and fuel lines. The steel industry is addressing all these areas and more with top auto engineers.

Protective measures currently being studied include:

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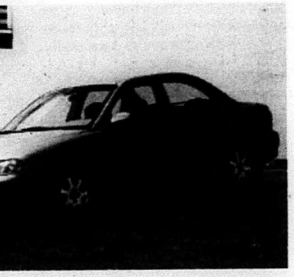
Of course, it is also very important to check the tire pressure regularly and rotate tires according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

It would be stupid to invest thousands of dollars on an automobile and reduce its driving capacities with tires of inferior quality and comfort.



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Much has been written about the auto industry's push for vehicles that are lighter weight and more corrosion resistant, with the end result being significant cost savings for today's average car buyer. Not surprisingly, many auto manufacturers are choosing to meet these demands by selecting from an array of new lighter weight, higher strength and corrosion-resistant steels.

TheSteelAlliance is an organization of more than 140 North American steel producers and affiliated organizations that have joined together in an unprecedented industry-wide coalition to educate consumers about the benefits of steel. For more information about steel, visit: www.TheNewSteel.com.

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ever-growing popularity of all-wheel drive bined with the enormous progress made facturers, have given drivers a sense of he stability of these vehicles is reassuring, tion is impressive. This leads to higher roads and through congested highways. ld always remember that the laws of pply and that the stopping distance is al- onate to the speed and weight of an ob- driver will always adapt his speed to road l traffic density.

Spring tradition...

Vittles and vendors: *St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Norwood did its very best to urge on the springtime sunshine by hosting its annual Vendors and Vittles craft show and luncheo last Saturday. Among the vendors who took time out to participate in the show were Gwen McDonald of Hastings with her "Pampered Chef" display and Debbie Webb of Asphodel-Norwood with a variety of wood crafts.* ***Photo/Bill Freeman***

Atom A's exciting season finally come to an end

Asphodel-Norwood - The Archer Trucking Atom A Hornets have seen their exciting season come to an end after falling to the Tweed Hawks in a very close OMHA semi-finals.

With the six point series tied at 3-3, Norwood headed to Tweed for a game for which the 7-3 score does not tell the true story. It was a close match throughout until late in the third when too many undisciplined penalties were taken and the Hawks capitalized on three of five powerplays.

Scoring for Norwood were Jeremy Olver, Alex Christopoulos and David Lobb. Earning assists were Eric Gallagher, Pearce McIlmoyle and Christopoulos.

The next game was a must-win match for the Hornets with Tweed leading the series 5-3. The visitors struck first, five minutes into the second period on a goal by Andrew Muir. The Hornets Olver then tucked one in to knot things at 1-1.

All through the third there were plenty of chances for both squads but with 4:39 left Shane Rashotte scored. Norwood tried desperately to keep their play-off hopes alive but were shut down at every opportunity by the Hawks goalie.

It was a good season for the team and they all took a good crack at OMHA play-

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Soccer kick off time will soon arrive: *Loc are gearing up for this summer's excit Hastings Soccer Club held the first of its mornings last Saturday at the Civic Centr a particularly thrilling season -- not onl outstanding action on local pitches but be Cup time and players and fans alike will team to cheer on to glory. Helping out wi Hastings were Cindy Tallent, Daniel Tall Keogh.* ***Pho***

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Novice A's lose tourney final in double overtime

Orono - The Norwood Begg Fuels novice A Hornets travelled to Orono to play in the Leafs tourney Mar. 12 opening with a match against the Highland Storm who eked out a 3-0 win.

The Hornets played hard but were unable to get a spot on the score sheet against a fast and strong Storm squad.

The Hornets were right on their blades against Bolton skating to a 3-1 win. On the scoresheet were Dalton Charlebois, Steven Walsh, Dylan Brightman and Kyle Anderson-Carter. The win put the team into the B final against the Trenton Sting.

The Hornets were ready for this game controlling the puck and skating with all their heart. With the game tied at the end of three, they played two ten minute periods of sudden-victory overtime. With just 33 seconds left in OT the Sting stung the Hornets for a 3-2 win. Steven Walsh, Anderson-Carter, Scott Foss and Charlebois posted points with Walsh earning the Best Effort Award. Goalie Matthew Nelson made some superb saves in net in the final.

On Mar. 15 the team wrapped up its year with a home date against All Saints. The Hornets wanted to end on a high note and they did so with a 5-0 win. On the scoresheet were Michael Loucks, Matthew Zenner, Walsh, Dylan Brightman, Foss, Shane Carthew and Charlebois. Also playing a strong game were Anderson-Carter, solid in net, Casey Fleming, Justin McWhinnie, Christ Bryett, Brandon Kingston, Britney Barnett and Nelson, patrolling the blue line like Rob Blake.

Hornets buzz: The team would like to thank Jack Begg Fuels for being their sponsor again this year. The coaching staff says thanks to all the players, parents and fans for a great year on and off the ice. They hope everyone has a great summer.

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It was over the *moon* for this group of players

Asphodel-Norwood - The Asphodel-Norwood Friendship Club had eight tables playing at bid euchre Mar. 6. A big welcome to newcomers Harry Chamberlain, Anna Cosgrove, Darlene Conway and Pat Coe. Hope to see you again.

Five Moonshots were registered by Patricia Knight, Pat Coe, Harry Chamberlain, Anna Cosgrove and Bill Kanis. As well, there were 14 call one bids made.

The top scores were by Ruth Clarke and Ed Kanis followed closely by Bill Fisher and Pat Kanis. Share the wealth draws went to Max Millet, Gord Knight, Bill Fisher and Betty Coupland.

Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a fun afternoon.

The next bid euchre will be on **Mar. 20** at 1 pm at the Pine Street Centre.

Big-time win for Jr. Tykesters

Asphodel-Norwood - On Mar. 3, the Woodling Apartment Jr. Tykes were on the ice for a game against St. Alphonsus. The Hornets were wide awake and took the game 12-0. On the scoresheet were Travis Bennett, Kurt Peters, Daniel Bennett, Joey Walsh, Liam Hunter, Jakob Payne, Jacob Bennett and Mitchell Barr.

Skating hard and playing strong were Bret Smale, Brent Smith, Jacob Cailes and Carly Elmhurst.

With a few hours to rest, they were off to Otonabee to face the Wolves. The little legs still had lots of speed and drove the team to victory. The Wolves were strong but the three Hornets goalies Alex Barrett, Jacob Cailes and Carly Elmhurst were hot. Recording points were Hunter, Smale, Smith, Barr, Walsh, Payne, Travis and Jacob and Peters.

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Havelock ladies were in fine fettle

Hastings - On Mar. 4 our ladies marched forth to do battle with those white sticks at the end of the lanes and kept pace with our many sponsors who also march forth to our aid and give support in our efforts: Hastings 5 Pin Bowing Association., Ontario 5 Pin Bowling Association, Canadian 5 Pin Bowling Association, Bowling Proprietors Association, Gold Score Points, Sidney L. Morris, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Recreation, Molson Canada and AIL (American Income Life) Canada.

Kathy Pettey had great games of 259, 226 and 618 triple; Marg Hummel 138, 155; Donna Finney 168; Fran Toms 198, Marie Glover 216; Evelyn Eldridge had a great day with 146, 154, 214, 514 triple; Sandy Toms 182; Wanda Greacen 144; Margo Masson had great games of 203, 264, 639; Flo Taylor 194; Carole Trumble 167, 168, 478; Flo Duck 159; Margaret Burns 168 and 388 triple; Doreen Playne 193.

Golden bowling

Trent Hills - Results from the Thursday Afternoon Golden Agers League on mar. 14 included:

Standings - Busy Body 19; Screwballs 19; Big Shots 18; Heads and Tails 13; Seekers 12; Blue jays 12; Slowpokes 12; Ding Bats 7.

High Single - John Koprla 274; Len Kennedy 251; Ray Scarborough 235; Marilyn Archiball 205; Laura Scarborough 198; Bonnie Kennedy 196.

High Single/Handicap - John 293; Len 291; Charlie beamish 279; Laura 260 Marilyn 259; Ruby Gill 258.

High Triple - John 729; Len 640; Ray 626; Bonnie 542; Doreen Holmdren 529; Marilyn 513.

High Triple/Handicap - John 786; Len 750; Ray 740; Doreen 679; Marilyn 675; Norma Finham 670.

St. Andrew's display: Mary Ann Hall and Laura Millar both had displays at the Vendors and Vittles show at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Norwood. Mary Ann had an Avon display and Laura was selling Euro Hockey cookbooks and peanut brittle. ***Photo/Bill Freeman***

Atom A's wrap exciting season

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off journey. Suiting up for the Hornets were Nicho David Lobb, Mark Bitten, Clayton Leeming, Jam Philip Heron, Jeremy Olver, Andy Slac Klompmaker, Spencer Anderson, Thomas Teasd McIlmoyle, Alex Christopoulos, Eric Crow Gallagher and Giles Hall. The coaching staff co coach Murray Lobb, trainer Tim Klompmaker trainer Eric Gallagher, assistant coach Albert Cr manager Beth Lobb.

The team was greatly appreciative of the su loyal fans and the parents who cheered the bo the season.

Hornets buzz: In an exhibition match agai terborough "AA" Nationals, Norwood lost 6-1 putting in a powerplay marker assisted by Olve

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT SERVICES UPDATE

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) is currently on strike. The Government of Ontario has made a reasonable and responsible offer that is fair to employees and taxpayers, including an across-the-board wage increase of 1.95 per cent in each of three years and increases to address wage disparities in key occupational groups by offering ambulance/communication dispatchers and scientists an additional increase of eight per cent and nurses an additional increase of 10 per cent.

It is not possible to predict how long this disruption of public services will continue, however, the government remains available to resume meaningful negotiations at any time.

Answers to your Questions

To further assist you we have provided answers to the most frequently asked questions we're receiving from the public about:

Government Payments?

- Ontario Disability Support Program recipients should receive their monthly cheque or direct bank deposit on time.
- Cheques will still be issued for the Guaranteed Annual Income Supplement payments to low-income seniors.
- Ontario Works (social assistance) cheques will continue to be delivered by the municipalities, which are not affected by this labour disruption.

Driver's Licences?

- If your licence expired on or after March 13, 2002, you can still drive until the end of the strike. This includes all classes of driver's licences.
- If your licence is suspended, the suspension will remain in effect until the strike ends.
- If your plate sticker expired on or after March 13, 2002, it must be renewed. This can be done at one of more than 280 private Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Offices throughout the province; they are listed in the blue pages of your telephone book. Payment is by cash only.

Health Cards?

- Your health number is still valid.
- You may be asked to fill out a health number release form by your doctor or hospital that they will use when filing with OHIP.

Medical Treatment for New Ontarians?

- New or returning residents can access health services, and as usual will be responsible for paying for those services. The usual three-month waiting period applies until new or returning residents are eligible for OHIP coverage.

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Heritage farmhouse abandoned to elements

What a view these original farmers must have had, looking over the rolling countryside of Peterborough County. Photo was taken March 9 when all the snow had melted in the warmest winter on record for this part of the country. ***photo/Nancy Derrer***

Marmora Garden Club plans Brampton bus trip in June

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora – Plans are already afoot for the 30 members of the Garden Club of Marmora to take a buy trip to visit Humber Nursery in Brampton. Plans being finalized by Rosalie Payer, president, for the second week in June, may include a visit to the Humber College arboretum. A 56-passenger bus from Foley Bus Lines is being investigated. Cost per club member could be in the $30 range, with everyone bringing a bag lunch. In the fall, a second trip may take place.

Club members are now selling flowering bulbs as a fundraising project. If you wish to order spring bulbs, contact Ailsa Wood, secretary treasurer, at 472-7405. All orders are due to be placed with Ms Wood by April 9. As well as individual varieties of bulbs, you can order 50 or 100 summer bulbs for $25 & $45 or 12 or 24 perennial plants for the same prize.

Discounts on plants are available to club members, from 10-15%, from some local suppliers. Members will have to show their membership cards to access the discounts that are only available on regularly priced stock.

Jim Cuddy has agreed to plan the gardens the club will undertake to plant this spring in three municipal locations: parkette; Grist Mill; in front of the lookout. Wildflowers will be seeded in the Grist Mill area where grass is now planted; sunflower seeds will be planted at the lookout.

A plant exchange (or seeds, cuttings) will take place at the next meeting. It was suggested that members bring flats of 18 or 24 items to be exchanged. There will be a perennial sale the Victoria Day weekend.

The Marmora Agricultural Society's theme this year is mining. The fair is looking for new ideas/categories for flowers, roots and vegetables and herbs for the 2002 fair. Club members will consider entering crafts into the fair and also setting up a booth to sell memberships.

Marmora & Lake has requested that the club participate in the community-wide Pitch-In, Sat., April 20, volunteering to clean up a road or area between 7am and 1pm. Karen Stephens will bring the list of locations to the next meeting that will be held April 9 at the Town Hall. Houseplants will be the topic of the talk by Craig Rayson. In May, Lee Scrimshaw will be guest speaker.

Editorial

Last week, the *Marmora Herald* received two (2) Letters to the Editor that we can't print!

Why? The authors didn't sign them.

Letters **must be signed** for legal reasons but we will withhold your name, or use your initials, if you prefer.

The reason? I could have written them and am hiding behind the fact it's a Letter to the Editor. The editor has to identify him/herself when stating an opinion or present the information as an editorial.

If the two people who sent in letters will drop in to the office and sign them, we will gladly withhold your name – and print the letters in next week's paper.

Nancy Derrer

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Magic show

Claude Hagge sionist, perform show for the s Sacred Heart sch March 21 at 10an this day is not a ten day, parents

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On the 15th of March at approximately 7:30pm, Centre Hastings officers were called to attend Forsyth Street in the Municipality of Marmora and Lake, in response to a group of people fighting and causing problems.

Officers attended and, as a result of the investigation, Cory Finch, 18, of Madoc was charged with assault and causing a disturbance. He was released from custody and will appear in Belleville Court, April 18.

Also facing charges if Elvis Donald Weber, 22, of Madoc. He was charged with escape law cause a distur mischief under was also release tody and will Belleville Court

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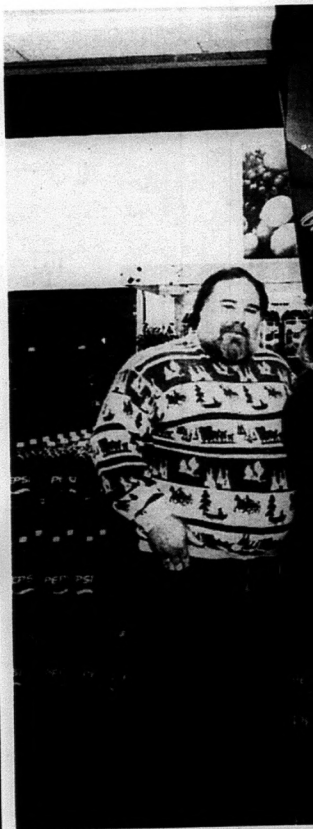

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Hastings officers attended a residence on Centerline Road in the Municipality of Marmora and Lake in response to a call of woman with injuries requiring medical treatment.

The investigation revealed that the male resident struck his wife in the head with a broom. A 69-year-old male was arrested and charged with assault with a weapon.

The 65-year-old female victim was taken to Campbellford Hospital with minor injuries. The name of the accused is not being released, as it would identify the victim.

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photo/Nancy Derrer

Lucas Vesterfelt received his Master Cadet Certificate and Badge Monday evening in Madoc

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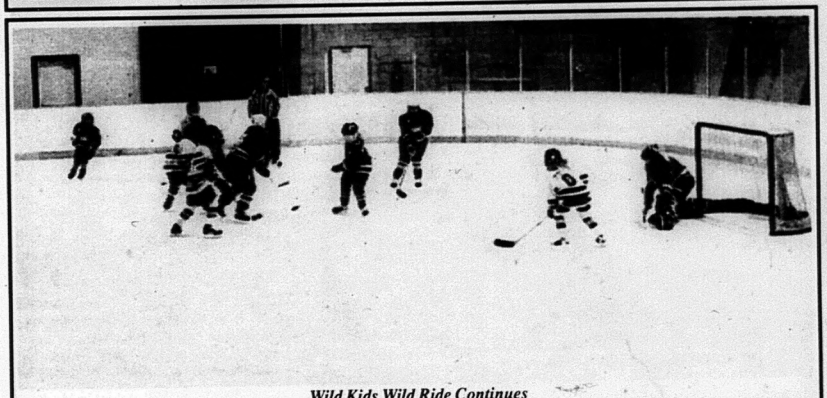
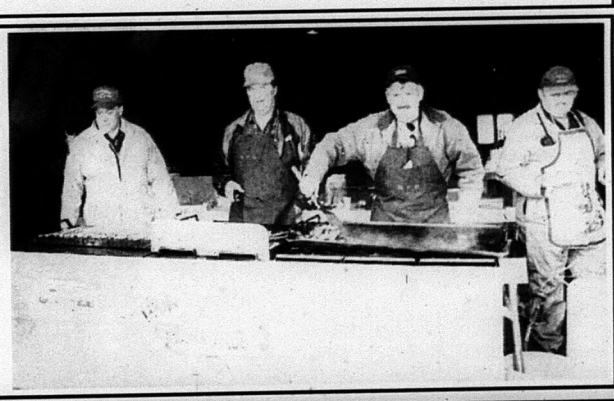


Wild Kids Wild Ride Continues

The Cooper Wild Kids met Oshawa last Saturday morning at the Madoc arena. After a few minutes of 1-0 for the opposition, the Wild Kids poured it on, showing the spirit that now defines the team. Game ended 4-1 for the Wild Kids.



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OPP Report

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appear in Belleville Court on April 18th. Also facing charges is Elvis Donald Weber (22) of Madoc. He was charged with escape lawful custody, cause a disturbance, and mischief under $5000. He was also released from custody, and will appear in Belleville Court on April 18th.

Madoc Township Man Arrested For Impaired

On March 16th at approximately 9:25 p.m., a Centre Hastings officer was on patrol in the Village of Madoc. The officer observed a vehicle being driven erratically and pulled the vehicle over. As a result of the investigation, Kenneth Moore (36) of Madoc Township was arrested and charged with impaired driving, and driving

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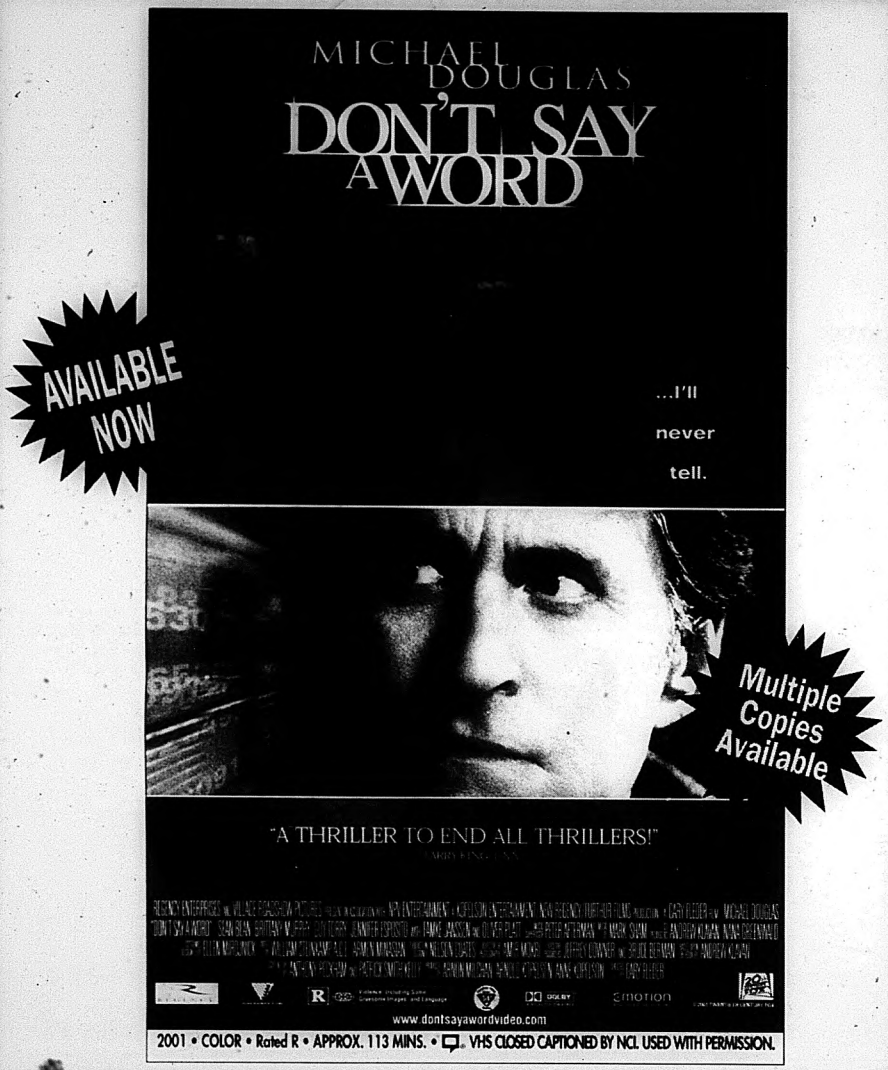

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Madoc Receives $40,000 Trillium Foundation Grant

Health Needs Study To Begin Soon

This past Tuesday, March 19th, The Centre Hastings Medical Centre Board had something to cheer about for a change. The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced on Tuesday the approval of a $40,000 grant to Madoc for the Health Needs Assessment project. The grant was realized because of combined community effort. Community members, local municipal governments, and the Medical Centre Board all worked together to make it a reality.

John Atkinson who Chairs the Needs Assessment Work Group said, "The generous funding of $40,000 will provide the opportunity to examine what health services are presently being provided ... and what health services are needed within the communities of central Hastings. It's the goal of the Medical Centre to gather relevant information, and with community and political support, to put forward a proposal to the Southeastern Ontario District Health Council, and the Ministry of Health for the development of a Community Health Centre."

The Medical Board has determined that the most effective model of health care delivery would be a Community Health Centre. There are a number of them around the province, and they've proven especially effective in providing a range of health care services to rural, under-serviced areas.

Board member Crichton Harrop said, "We've visited several rural Community Health Centres; we've been impressed with the way the Centres respond to a variety of needs. This includes primary health care delivered by salaried doctors and nurse practitioners, health promotion, physiotherapy, clinics for specific diseases, and other services specific to the needs of each individual community."

Another member of the Work Group, Dave Schultz, has been working with the Medical Board for over a year, gathering community support for the development of a Community Health Centre in Madoc. Schultz says, "We'll be looking for input from the citizens of central Hastings through a household survey. Through this survey, we'll be seeking views about what health care services are needed here."

He went on to say that the Board will be holding community meetings throughout the area, inviting the public to attend and make their views known. In addition, the Board will meet with key health care providers from the region to gather their input and support. Public meetings will be announced in both local weekly papers.

In the words of Chair John Atkinson, "It will be up to the citizens here in central Hastings to let us know clearly what their health concerns are, and how we must address these concerns. We're looking forward to great participation from young people, families, parents and seniors ... as well as all levels of government ... to help us make the case for the best health care services we can develop and deliver. The grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will give us the resources to assess the health care needs, and come up with an effective design and action plan."

The Needs Assessment Work Group which will

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Madoc Cadet Receives Award

Monday evening was a very special evening for Lucas Vesterfelt of Madoc. After 5 years of very hard work and a national exam, Lucas got his reward in the form of his Master Cadet Certificate and Badge. This is the highest qualification at his level, and family and friends were on hand at The Kiwanis Centre to celebrate the award with him.

Mike Sniderhan of Madoc making Maple Syrup the old-fashioned way. They tap about 600 trees from which they'll take between 150 and 200 gallons of syrup this year. It's one of nature's delicious gifts, no doubt about it. But it takes a lot of hard work to produce this unique treat. No doubt about that either according to Mike. Is it worth the work? Try some of the Sniderhan's syrup and you'll know why it's worth the work.

IGA Open Today

The Madoc IGA underwent some major improvements this past week, hence the closed sign on the doors. All-new freezers and coolers have been installed, as well as an all-new look. The store re-opened for business at 8:00 o'clock this morning, after a public Open House last evening.

This is the second major improvement to the IGA in recent years; the Produce Department and the line of produce carried was enlarged significantly about two years ago.

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CoC Annual Meeting

The Madoc and District Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Meeting Tuesday night at the Old Town Hall. If you'd like to join the CoC, or would like information about any of its activities, call 473-1616.

Happy Easter!

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New Publication Available From Wood Works

Green by Design is a new publication available from Wood Works, which is a project of the Canadian Wood Council based in North Bay. Wood Works promotes the use of wood in the construction of all types of buildings. The program encourages communities to take pride in, and showcase the innovative use of wood products. The publication is a concise compilation of research and studies that show why wood is the best choice for satisfying the 4 basic principles of green building:

(1) reducing energy use during the building's service life.

(2) minimizing external pollution and environmental damage.

(3) reducing embodied energy and resource depletion.

(4) minimizing internal pollution and damage to health.

Wood is a top performer in each of these categories. *Green by Design* includes research by Canadian-based Athena Sustainable Material Institute, that examines the "whole" or "life-cycle" cost of building with wood, steel and concrete. ASMI results were similar to those of European researchers, showing that using wood results in:

- Lower greenhouse gas emissions than steel or concrete
- Lower air pollution than steel or concrete
- Lower water pollution than steel or concrete
- Lower solid waste by-products than steel or concrete

Green by Design includes data from a "life-cycle" study that calculated the environmental effects of a 50,000 square foot, three-story office building. The results show that total energy use was the least when using wood. The concrete option required 1.7 times the energy of wood, and steel consumed 2.4 times the energy. Similar numbers were calculated for greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and solid waste.

Marianne Berube, Ontario Project Manager, observed, "Steel and concrete can be recycled but only wood is both renewable and recyclable." She went on to say that *Green by Design* is an excellent information source for any person making building construction choices. The book is also an important resource for people interested in knowing the truth about the environmental life-cycle of wood - an economic mainstay of Ontario and Canada as a whole. "Clearly, more people should build with wood; it's better for the environment."

Wood Works has a limited supply of *Green by Design;* you can obtain a copy at no cost by calling toll free 1-866-886-3574 with your mailing address. For additional information, contact Marianne Berube at the same number.

Easter Seal 80th Annive

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On November 28, 1922, a group in Windsor formed the Ontario Society For Crippled Children.

In the early 30's, the three major health risks to children were poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, and rickets. During 'Health Week 1931', the Society launched a public information campaign for the universal pasteurization of milk to help prevent the spread of "TB".

On July 4, 1937, the Society opened the first Canadian camp for children with disabilities. Today, Easter Seals operates three specialized camps across Ontario, and is developing a long-term plan to expand the scope of recreation programs offered.

The first Easter Seal mail campaign was introduced to Ontario in 1947 with the goal of raising $150,000. Later, March was dubbed "Easter Seal Month" and included the annual presentation of official seals to the Prime Minister.

The Society's first "Timmy" was Lynn Berry in 1947. Nadia de Franco was the first "Tammy" in 1979. The tradition continues today as The Ambassador Program. Each year, a boy and girl are selected as Easter Seal Ambassadors. They travel across the province speaking on behalf of ALL kids with a physical disability.

Many sports celebrities have supported Easter Seals over the years. Champion wrestler Bill "Whipper" Watson stands out. For 30 years, 1952 to 1982, he was committed to raising awareness and dollars for kids with physical disabilities through the Easter Parade Of Stars, the Conn Smythe Celebrity Sports Dinner, and Snowarama.

The Ontario Centre for Crippled Children opened on May 16, 1962. It's considered the most outstanding treatment centre for physically disabled children to be found anywhere. The Centre became known as The Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre in 1984, and then The Bloorview MacMillan Centre in 1996.

In 1973, Easter Seals in partnership with the Hospital for Sick Children and the Ontario Centre for Crippled Children, launched "Track Three Skiing" at Georgian Peaks - the first downhill skiing classes for kids with physical disabilities.

In 1981, the Ontario Society for Crippled Children officially changed its name to The Easter Seal Society of Ontario. Easter Seals was first to focus public attention on the importance of wearing helmets and bike safety. The "Head First" and "Be Bike Smart" public awareness campaigns were launched in 1982.

On January 30, 2002, Easter Seals received the Conference Board of Canada/Spencer Stuart National Award in Governance - awarded for demonstrat innovative and succes application of leading pri sector business practice traditional charity goy ance.

This year, Easter S will sponsor a province-w public awareness campa targeted at women of ch bearing years. The purp of the campaign is to c municate the importanc folic acid in preventing r ral tube birth defects.

Donations account over 80% of the Easter S annual revenue, and h fund their three priori which are: 1. To prov funding for equipment will allow children to mobile and communicate To ensure that all chil have the chance to grow learn through a sum camping or recreation e rience. 3. To fund rese and prevention programs will enhance quality of for those living with a ability, and reduce number of children born birth defects in the fut The following list of eq ment and services giv clear picture of how im tant your donation to Ea Seals is:

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First place winners in Madoc's Bowling Olympics was this "European team" of tough competitors. They took home the Gold recently when the Thursday night g held their Olympics. Here they are, proudly displaying their "medals" and of course obligatory bouquet.

Six teams participated representing different countries and dressing the part. The idea of the Bowling Olympics is good sportsmanship and good fun.

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BC woman looking for family members in Marmora

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora – A British Columbia woman, Sharon Starkey, needs the help of *Marmora Herald* readers. In an e-mail from Shawnigan Lake, she asks: would any of your readers know of, or is, a descendant of the **Johns** family who once lived north of Marmora. I am looking for more information about the family of my great great grandparents, Bartholomew and Annabel Johns to complete the family history, she writes.

Here is what Ms Starkey knows: in the early 1830s, David B. Johns and his sons Daniel, Solomon, Bartholomew and David B., Jr. acquired 1000 acres of land in the Marmora area. They farmed the land but Bartholomew also had a sawmill on Beaver Creek.

"One thing I would be interested in knowing more about is the sawmill on Beaver Creek which may originally have been the one owned by Bartholomew Johns, as noted in the 1851 Ontario Directory. He was a brother-in-law of Sheldon Hawley, who had a mill in Stirling, and I suspect Sheldon was instrumental in Bartholomew and his brothers being involved in the timber industry. There were many land transactions between them. I am hoping someone in Marmora will know about this sawmill.

"There was apparently a tragedy involving the drowning of two members of the family. I have not been able to find out about this but it may have had something to do with the logging operation, as I believe they ran logs on Beaver Creek."

Bartholomew Carley Johns, Sr. and his wife, Annabel Jane (Chisholm) Johns were Ms Starkey's great great grandparents. They had a home built for them on their property near Beaver Creek about 1837 and raised their family there. Bartholomew, a Justice of the Peace like his brother Solomon, died in 1859 but Annabel lived until 1902, operating the family farm with the help of some of her sons.

By the time of the 1901 census, most of Bartholomew and Annabel's children had moved away, leaving their son David Daniel with his wife, Clara, and family on one part of the farm, and their son Murchison Chisholm Johns and his wife, Annie, and son at the family homestead, with Annabel living there.

Alexander, his wife Sopia, and daughters Lillie and Mabel left the family farm in 1892. His brothers – Solomon and Bartholomew, Jr. (my ancestor) had gone to Manitoba in the late 1870s to help 'settle the west'. Two sisters, Susan and Nancy, married and moved away.

As of the 1901 census, David Daniel Johns, wife Clara, children Nina, Archy and Harry, Murchison Johns, wife Annie, son Charles S. Johns (Charles and a Glen M. Johns were buried in the Marmora Cemetery in 1934), and Sarah (Johns) Bleecker, her sons John, William and Charles, and her grandson Gilbert Bleecker were living in the Marmora area.

Says Mrs. Starkey: "I have been actively researching my ancestors in the Johns family for some time. I have acquired data from land grants, census, church archives, history books and family stories. As a result I have been able to write short biographies of my ancestors, piecing together their lives from the date. They were settlers of Ontario after the American Revolution in which they fought in the King's Rangers, a provincial corps unit attached to the British Army. Lieutenant Solomon Johns was 'one of the founders of Ontario, setting in Elizabethtown, now Brockville'."

A local amateur genealogist, Bonnie Cole, has been contacted by Ms Starkey and provided her what information she had available. More importantly, Mrs. Cole (613-472-2034) has agreed to accept phone calls on Ms Starkey's behalf, if anyone has information to share.

It has been learned that Brian and Linda Bertrand, RR 1, Marmora, reside on 100 acres of the original 1000 acres. They have shared the photo of the wall of their home that displays initials of people who worked on a threshing bee at the farm. They have sent Ms Starkey a copy of the photo. The Bertrands know the Johns were the original owners of their home but have no knowledge of any ancestors of the family.

If you have any information, even information that may seem insignificant, please contact Ms Starkey through the *Marmora Herald* (1-888-725-3603 or zoo@kos.net) or through Mrs. Cole.

If you wish to contact Ms. Starkey directly, there are three ways: phone 250-743-3497; fax 250-743-4223, or e-mail saskey@pacificcoast.net. Send us a copy of the information you forward and we can do a 'good news' follow-up story.

Photo taken about 1900 shows the house with the front porch that was remo 1930s. L-R, Murchison Johns, his wife Annie Miller of Madoc, son Charles a Murchison's mother, Annabel Chisholm Johns. Below, Johns porch wall 1900. one part of the names carved onto the walls of the porches.

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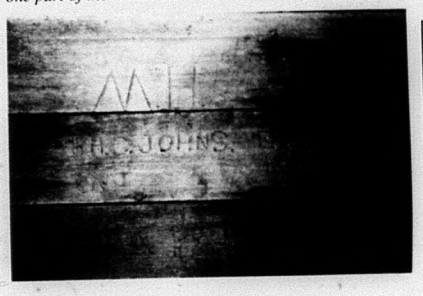

April 22-28 Pitch-In Canada Week

Approximately 42 tons of debris were hauled from Ontario beaches and shorelines during PITCH-IN Canada's shoreline clean up, held as part of 2001 Pitch-In Canada Week according to statistics compiled by Pitch-In Canada, the national non-profit voluntary organization that sponsors the annual Pitch-In Canada Week campaign.

"An estimated 267 km. of Ontario shoreline was cleaned up by more than 19,000 garbologists who were part of 223 Pitch-In teams of volunteers who bagged around 42 tons of debris. Volunteers also picked up tons of large discarded items such as tires, car parts, bicycle parts, wood and other debris," says Valerie Thom, program manager of Pitch-In Ontario, adding, "And that's not counting the hundreds of items, including appliances, crates, construction material and other items that were too heavy to move."

Saying that cleaning up Ontario's shorelines will continue to be a major component of Pitch-In Canada Week to be held April 22-28, 2002, Thom adds that "it's amazing how much debris and other pollutants wind up in Canada's waterways, posing a threat to fish and wildlife habitat and the environment."

Illegal dumping and beach parties were reported by many Pitch-In teams as the potential source of much of the debris that was found, "In addition, our teams frequently found debris left by hikers, campers and picnic goers," says Thom. "Industrial waste, and in particular construction waste, and household appliances were also evident at many clean up sites."

Several of the Pitch-In teams collected massive amounts of debris. Topping the list was the Hespeler Healthy Community Association. According to Sandy Forsyth, team coordinator, the group collected 95 bags of debris from the shores of the Speed River plus 2,100-kg. of scrap metal, for almost four tons of debris in total.

John Dunlop, coordinator for Scouts Canada's troop in Pickering reported collecting 90 bags of debris from the shores of Lake Ontario. In Sudbury, the Trailsmen Rod and Gun Club collected 62 bags of waste, 72 tires and various other items including appliances and mattresses. The makeup of the debris collected was 29 per cent paper, 22 percent plastic, 9 per cent glass and 8 percent metal; 31 per cent of the waste collected was classified as 'other' and included wood and forms of debris.

When asked to describe some of the waste they had collected. Pitch-In volunteers reported finding stolen goods, oil running into a lake, toilet bowls, a microwave oven, a total of 81 shopping carts, a computer chair, a nerf machine gun, knives and much more.

Shoreline clean-ups have always been a part of the Pitch-In Canada Week campaign since its start in Ontario in 1979. Last year was the first time that Pitch-In Canada was able to analyze and quantify the debris collected from Ontario's shorelines, thanks to sponsorship support from Brita Water Filter Systems.

Groups wishing to participate in a shoreline clean-up during the 2002 Pitch-In campaign to help clean up the environment must register their project with Pitch-In Ontario before March 31 at www.pitch-in.ca.

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Cassie's squad edged 3-2 in NCAA final

Defending champs hold off Brown to win second straight title

By Bill Freeman

Durham, N.H. - The University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs dodged a last second shot by Campbellford's Cassie Turner to claim a second straight NCAA women's hockey title with a 3-2 win over the Brown University Bears.

Trailing 3-2 in the dying seconds of the game, Brown's Kim Insalaco (the hero of Brown's 2-1 semi-final win over the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities) sped past the Bulldogs defence then passed the puck off to Turner who fired a shot at the UMD net hoping for a deflection by teammate Kristy Zamora. But Bulldogs goalie Patricia Sutter was able to snag the shot with the puck rolling harmlessly into the corner as time expired.

The Frozen Four was the scene of some terrific hockey -- a worthy showcase for women's hockey with three games decided by one goal and the other ending in a tie.

The defending champs had advanced to the final with a 3-2 win over the inspiring Niagara Purple Eagles, a school in just its fourth year of women's hockey.

In Brown's semi-final win Mar. 22, goalie Pam Dreyer was outstanding keeping Minnesota at bay during a furious third period where the Gophers outshot the Bears 17-5.

The first period was

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Team effort: *Ryerson Whetung, 4, and his dad Brent work in unison during a sawing activity at the Norwood Lions Maplefest at Linlor Farm.* ***Photo/Bill Freeman***

Cub cars roar to victory

Trent Hills - Cub competition, Cub fun- Over 60 Kub Kars raced to the finish in the Trent Valley District Kub Kar Rally held in Campbellford last Saturday. Cheers filled the room as 1st Campbellford Pack hosted cubs from Norwood, Hastings, Havelock and Warkworth for the annual event. The cubs made the wooden cars to rigid specifications and prizes were awarded to the top three Best Designs, as judged by four Scouts Canada Adventurers. The Adventures also served as finish-line judges. Prizes were awarded to the fast coupes and the slowest "putt-putts".

Fastest Cars – 1. Kevin Wood, Warkworth, 2. Lane Leggette, Warkworth, 3. Mitchell Boyington, Campbellford, 4. Mikey Abote, Carmpbellford.

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Kub Kar Rally Winners *– Back (L-R): Michael Hay, Maureen (for Mitchell Boyington), Laura Coakwell; Middle: Kevin Woods, William Rudkin, Jordan Wickhan, David Langsford; Front: Jessica Steele, Sarah Widdis. See inside for more photos.* ***Photo/Michele Fairfield***

Maple was a sweet

Families flock to Linlor Farm for spring celebration

By Bill Freeman

Asphodel-Norwood With Mother Nature wa on side, families f across the region and yond flocked to Linlor F in Asphodel-Norwood S day for the second an Norwood Lions Maple for a taste of sweet spr time.

Needless to say, it w resounding success att ing about the same nur of people as last year' augural event with certa more children visiting farm in 2002.

"The numbers were actly the same as last y said Lori Burt who, a with husband Lindsay, Linlor Farm.

"There were a lo younger kids and that nice to see," Lori note

"It went very well. It a good day. The weathe operated magnificently

It was a bright, ten ate day that added a spring-time feeling t occasion and contra greatly from the prev day that when membe the Norwood Lions tended with blustery w and a snow squall w making final prepara for Maplefest.

"Considering wha previous 24 hours had like it couldn't have better," agreed Sherwin, Chair of the L Club Maplefest Comm

"We were quite pl with the whole event. I pretty good," Mr. She said.

"The crowd came came early and bega peter out around 2 pm said. "People came steady stream. T wasn't ever a time there was a big rush."

Last year, he note seemed like the "floodg opened between 12:3

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"It went very well. It was a good day. The weather co-operated magnificently."
Lori Burt
Linlor Farm

and 1:30 pm.

"It was easier to manage things this year."

That, Mr. Sherwin said, meant that there was a nice flow through the serving area where visitors stocked up on freshly-prepared pancakes, sausages and Linlor's finest maple syrup. They wanted to avoid bottlenecks and slowdowns in that area.

"The planning was easier this year. We knew what we were facing," he said. "We found that we needed more people so we added ten more people this year (to the Lions volunteer team). We beefed up the kitchen crew and added another fryer for the tent. The numbers were right."

In all, the Lions had 30 members involved in the event and the Burts had 15 of their own volunteers (family members, neighbours and other friends) helping throughout the day.

With a Club membership of 40, Mr. Sherwin says Maplefest "is pretty much a full Club effort."

Lori was thrilled with the response.

"We didn't hear any bad comments," she said.

A lot of people stayed for the whole day soaking in the atmosphere. They also enjoyed entertainment provided by Erin Webb and Joe Jobin and his daughter Jocelyn.

Lori was happy they provided a special guest book to track where visitors were coming from and what they liked about the day. One visitor came from Kemptville and Lori says her husband's aunt and uncle travelled up from

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Visiting rink captures Maplefest bonspiel

Annual event wraps up curling season

By Lillian Forester
(Special to *The Register*)

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Curling Club concluded another season with a very successful Maplefest Bonspiel. Teams came from many parts of our region, enjoyed three games of curling, good food and good fellowship.

The first place team was skipped by Jim Little of Bailieboro with Rob Wilson's Kingston rink coming in second. Taking third place honours was Nick Nickson of Keene.

Congratulations to all who participated.

A very big thank you has to go to **Sheryn Nelson** for her many hours of organizing this spiel -- and she was also on the winning team! Another thank you has to go to **Julia Barber** and all her kitchen elves who prepared three meals.

Special thank you to **Denton Curry** for great ice during this spiel and for doing such an admirable job under adverse conditions at the club this year. And thanks to **Bev Thompson** who spent the entire bonspiel behind the bar.

The club was fortunate to have a large number of generous sponsors for Maplefest -- too many to list them all here. A special thank you has to go to the major sponsors who supported this event: **Fred Nelson & Sons Ltd., Begg Fuels Ltd., Allen Insurance, Gerald Finley Construction, Pakenham Insurance** and **Doug Pearcy.**

Special Maplefest Trophies were designed by **Lillian Forester.**

Raffle tickets have been sold over the last couple of weeks and the final winners were **Karen Ireland** of Lakefield, who won the framed paper tole owl artwork; **Richard Wood** of Havelock, who won the stained glass lamp and **Karl Wrightly** of Norwood, who won the afghan.

Once again, thanks to all the curler for a great day on and off the ice.

Cub cars roar to victory lane

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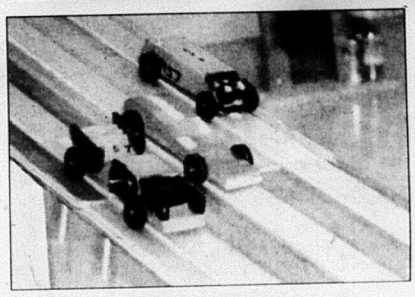
Slowest Cars – 1. Sarah Widdis, Norwood, 2. Jessica Steele, Norwood, 3. Jordan Wickhan, Hastings.

Best Design – 1. William Rudkin, Warkwarth, 2. David Langsford, Hastings, 3. Jessica Steele, Norwood.

Cub Leaders – 1. Michael Hay, Havelock, 2. Laura Coakwell, Campbellford.



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Monday Nighters gang up on the pins

By Art Sels

Hastings - The Monday Night Mixed Bowling League and the pins had and exciting evening Mar. 25. Results from between he gutters at Dodd's Lanes included high single performances from Terry Chapman 295, 251, 194; John Messacar 285, 230, 218; Art Sels 232, 225, 186; Dale McColl 224, 216, 185; Paul Cardwell 222, 188, 170; Murray Beamish 216, 166; Maureen Kostal 211; John Glenn 210, 195, 187; Gerry Kostal 208, 191, 187; Dave Harper 202, 193, 176; Helen Ward 202; Marjorie Wilson 199, 182; Glenda Glenn 196, 182, 180; Herb Cooper 192; Ellwood Sweeting 186, 178; Lyn Miller 179, 172; Helen Wilford 179, 166; Isabella Sels & Fred Sauder 175; Frigo Zapletal 166, 165, 158; Paul Collinson 166, 155; Carol Cooper 161; Katie Wilson & Jane Henry with 158, 144; Malcolm Pacey 153, 151; Don Henry 152; Lori Zapletal & Bernie Heffernan 147.

High triples went to Terry 740; John Messacar 733; Art 643; Dale 625; John Glenn 592; Gerry 586; Paul 580; Dave 571; Glenda 558; Murray 541; Marjorie 524; Lyn 505; Frigo, Ellwood & Maureen 489; Helen Ward & Helen Wilford 469; Herb Cooper 450; Malcolm 445; Paul 430; Jane 425; Katie 417; Bernie 412; Isabella 407; Don 401.

Sr. Tykes finish year with March Break flourish

Asphodel-Norwood - The Birdsall beach/Norwood Auto Centre Sr. Tyke Hornets finished an excellent season with a very busy March Break. The games were made more difficult by the absence of Jessie Stinson who taking a school break vacation.

Things began with a trip to Baltimore for the start of a three-day tourney. The Hornets played Baltimore #2 in a battle of the goalies with the Hornets Dayid Moore making many key saves.

The Hornets pressed hard but fell short 4-3. Scoring

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Cooper Wild Kids

This article is a little behind the times of the Cooper Wild Kids, as they have been very busy. The girls travelled to Kingston on Sunday, March 10 to take on the Kingston Comets B team. We were missing a few kids due to March Break and the Comets took full advantage of it. The girls played well but with a short bench were unable to defend the opposing team and came home with their first loss since January 6. Ragan Danford scored in the second period, but at the end of three periods the Comets had a 3-1 victory. Good game girls, you worked very hard.

Saturday, March 16 the Wild Kids were back in action hosting the Oshawa Panthers. A victory here would give the Wild Kids the title of 2002 Central East League Champions over Peterborough with one point. All the girls were back from holidays and you could tell they wanted this one. They even got to use the "Cool Dressing Room", thanks to the guys from dressing room five. Both teams came out strong and Oshawa scored

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Sr. Tykesters end season wit

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goals or earning assists were Kevan McDougall, Samuel Gerow, Evan Calder and Ethan McDougall.

The next day they faced Port Hope with Ryan Rudd, taking the game 5-4. On the board for the Hornets were the two McDougalls, Calder, Gerow, Moore and Cameron Klompmaker.

Tough game

In the afternoon match, they faced a tough Baltimore #1 team. The game was a nailbiter with the Hornets needing three goals in the final three minutes to win 6-5. On the scoresheet were the McDougalls, Moore, Calder, Gerow and Jamie Wiley.

The win forced a rematch against Baltimore #2 in the A final. Wiley got the start in net and the Hornets played very well in front of him and possibly holding an edge in play but were turned back by the same stubborn Baltimore goalie from game one who led his team to a 5-2 win. It was a great tournament showing.

Recording points were Kevan and Ethan, Moore and Rudd.

The team then took the ice in Havelock for their fifth game in 2 1/2 days, with Emma Hughes rock solid in net allowing just one goal on 67 shots for a 5-1 win. On the scoresheet were Calder, the McDougalls, Gerow, Rudd and Tyler Carr.

After a few days off, they travelled to Frankford for the Huskie Tournament. The Hornets skated away with a 2-0 in the opener over the Trenton Blues with lots of strong teamwork. Rudd earned the shutout and Kevan fired in two unassisted goals.

Next they knocked off the Trenton Leafs 7-2 growing stronger and improving as the games added up. On the scoresheet were Matthew George, Wiley, Rudd, Moore, Calder, McDougalls, Gerow a with the day's highli Emma Hughes with her career goal!!

With the win the Hor would face the Huskie the A final. With friends family cheering them loudly, the Hornets put solid effort moving the p up the ice and backcheck like crazy. The adrena must have been flowing cause the team took t penalties -- the most in

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Smart snackin will help stude improve denta

Health Unit plans school activities to mark dental health month

Northumberland Cty. - Smart snacking to improve the dental health of local students is the focus of a new Health Unit campaign.

To mark Dental Health Month in April, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will educate parents, teachers and students about the importance of wise snacking to reduce levels of tooth decay in young people.

"Ignorance is not bliss when the poor eating habits of some children are causing their teeth to decay," says Carol Moore-Collins, a Certified Dental Assistant with the HKPR Health Unit.

Statistics from the Health Unit show that as many as one-third of elementary school students in Northumberland and Haliburton Counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes have urgent dental needs that include requiring tooth fillings or extractions.

"Smart snacking in combination with regular brushing, flossing and dental check-ups will help local students have healthy teeth," Ms. Moore-Collins says.

The key, she says, is convincing young people and parents to opt for "smart" snacks such as cheese, fruits, vegetables and nuts instead of sugary and starchy foods that contribute to tooth decay.

"Ignorance is the poor eati children are to decay."

Several activities wi sued during Dental He Month to promote this sage.

Grade 2 classes

During the first wee April, dental staff from Health Unit will visit sele grade two classes, inclu those at Hastings Pu School, to launch "Health Snack Challen Students will get a lesso smart snacking while b challenged to bring de friendly foods to school them over the ensu weeks. Teachers will track the progress of dents towards follov smart snacking habits.

In addition, the He Unit will be urging pa and educators to be cre when it comes to rewar incentives.

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the game this year. But the penalty killing was good and the Hornets skated to a 4-1 win. On the board were Calder, Kevan and Gerow.

It was a great finish for the squad. They ended the year with a parent-son-daughter match with food afterwards. The outcome of the game is still before a review committee but by all accounts the officiating was superb.

The team looks forward to the 2002-03 campaign.

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Carol Moore-Collins
Certified Dental Assistant
HKPR Health Unit

ll be having their efforts recognized," Ms. Moore-Collins says. "But to ensure that children receive consistent health messages and to reduce the risk of tooth decay, we need to reward them with non-food items."

Other tips she says parents should consider to boost the dental health of their children include:

* stocking their homes with smart snacks so children won't be tempted by sweets.
* encouraging consistent times for snacking. Up to three snacks a day is a healthy pattern to follow. Discourage day-long nibbling and prolonged sipping of drinks containing sugar which lead to tooth decay.
* teach children to brush and floss after eating, but especially before going to bed.

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Spring tire maintenance checkli

(NC)–The snow, ice and bad roads of a typical Canadian winter can place a heavy toll on your tires. Now that spring is here, follow this simple tire maintenance checklist to save fuel and money, minimize your vehicle's exhaust emissions and improve your driving safety.

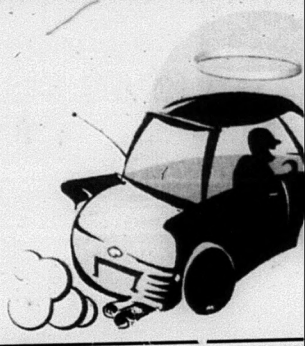
• If you use winter tires, change them to "summer" or "all season" as soon as it's safe to do so. The heavier tread of winter tires increases rolling resistance and fuel consumption.

• Independently of the type of tires you use, check the tire pressure every time there is a sharp change in temperature. Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which increases rolling resistance and wastes fuel. In fact, tire pressure should be checked at least once a month throughout the year.

• Check your tires for uneven wear, which can be a sign of chronic underinflation or overinflation, improper wheel alignment or tire balancing, or a problem with the suspension system.

• Look for imbedded stones, glass or other foreign objects that could work into the tire and cause a leak.

• Consider having the tires rotated. This distributes the wear evenly between all four tires, promotes long tire life and helps your tires deliver the best possible fuel economy and safety. Check the owner's manual for recommended rotation patterns and intervals (usually every 10,000 kilometres).



Teen drivers need training

(NC)–As we approach summer, many young Canadians are making plans for a warm, fun-filled summer as they leave the cares of school behind. Those plans should include time for safe driving courses, according to safety experts.

Statistics gathered by Mothers Against Drunk Driving shows traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for 15 to 19 year-olds in Canada and the second-leading cause of death for 20 to 44 year-olds. The crash rate for teens exceeds that of other age groups by a wide margin.

A study undertaken by MADD Canada and the Traffic Injury Research Foundation and sponsored by an insurance company shows that summertime holds the largest risks for young drivers and, particularly, males. At all ages, men die more often than women as a result of traffic accidents. Also, the majority of crashes involving youth take place on weekends and on relatively clear roads. In many cases, there are young passengers injured or killed in accidents in which youths are driving.

Safe driver training is essential for teenagers, according to Mike Haskell. "Experts tell us immaturity is a contributing factor to the high rate of auto crashes and deaths of teenagers. Youthful exuberance can lead to tailgating or avoiding seat belt use, for instance," he said. "Good training by responsible schools can overcome a driver's lack of experience and save a lot of lives and misery this summer," said Mr. Haskell.

Parental vigilance is also important, say safety advisors. There is a great deal of information available from organizations like MADD Canada and insurance companies. Mr. Haskell adds, "Parents can test the driving skills and knowledge of their children before turning over the keys to the family car."

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(NC)–More and more nowadays, people like to proclaim themselves as experts in many fields. They do not have any specific training or knowledge of the tire business, for instance, but they like to give advice to their family and friends on how to select the best products. Of course, when more particular information is needed, this person claims to know the subject like nobody else. Beware of self-proclaimed experts! You stand a much better chance of finding professional help at a tire shop, where the tire manufacturers themselves have trained the personnel and staff. And their expertise becomes even more important when you opt for a 'Plus 1' or 'Plus 2' fitment on your vehicle.

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Vehicle care bas

(NC)–With Spring around the corner it is important to remember that your vehicle has endured a lot throughout the winter. Not only the cold weather but the salt and slush has taken a toll on your paint's finish. Following are a few vehicle care basics to help prepare your vehicle for the summer cruising season.

Understanding the steps to effective car care is the key to keeping your vehicle looking newer with the least amount of effort.

1. Wash

Using a shampoo and water to remove the dirt and grime that have not yet bonded to the paint.

Caution: Avoid using dishwashing detergents. Never wash your vehicle unless the surface is cool and in the shade. First rinse the entire vehicle with a spray of water. Then start at the top and work your way down. The wheels should be done last. After you have finished the final rinse, wipe dry with a natural chamois or 100% terry cloth toweling.

2. Clean

Remove all surface oxidation, stains, blemishes or contaminants that will not wash off to restore a smooth finish prior to polishing and waxing.

Caution: Using rubbing compounds and other harsh abrasive products will scar the finish

3. Polish

Restore vibrant color, clear reflection and sparkling high gloss (which are the benefits of a surface that is completely free of oxidation and contaminants).

4. Protect

Protecting the topcoat of paint with a barrier coat of either waxes or silicones will help keep contaminants from sticking and coming into direct contact with the paint finish.

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New areas covered include eastern Ontario and additional portions of southwestern Ontario.

Where to take your test

If your vehicle requires an emissions test, take it to an accredited Drive Clean facility. You will be able to find one in the expansion area beginning in April. Whichever one you choose, rest assured that it has met Drive Clean's stringent criteria for operating procedures, equipment and training of inspectors and repair technicians. There are safeguards built into the system and there's also a complaint resolution process.

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Who will need a test?

If you require a test, you'll receive a notice in the mail up to 90 days before your licence plate sticker expires. Tests will be required every two years for license plate renewal if your vehicle is more than three model years old but less than 20 model years old. The charts that follow will help you predict if and when your vehicle will require a test.

A resale vehicle older than the current model year (i.e., 2001 model year or older in 2002) and less than 20 model years old will also require a test before you can transfer ownership. Non-diesel heavy-duty trucks and buses in the Drive Clean program area will require tests every year. Heavy-duty diesel-powered trucks and buses throughout Ontario have required annual testing since 1999.

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What happens after the test?

If your vehicle meets the emissions standards for its make and year, you can go ahead and renew your vehicle licence or transfer ownership. If it doesn't pass its test, you must repair it and get it re-tested. And as long as you get the necessary repairs done at an accredited Drive Clean facility, you may be able to defer some of the repairs under the Repair Cost Limit – and still obtain a conditional pass for licence plate renewal.

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How well does your vehicle protect you?

(NC)-In the same time it takes to pop a balloon with a needle, a life-threatening car crash can happen - in 67 milliseconds or less. How a car is designed to perform during a crash is crucial in determining the protection that will be provided in that split second.

Numerous lives are saved each year during car collisions due to the strength of steel. Nearly all vehicles on the road today are made of steel because it is the best material for designing safe vehicles.

In a recent study commissioned by TheSteelAlliance, nearly 80 per cent of Canadians believe steel provides the best protection in an automobile. In fact, 10 times as many respondents chose steel over fibreglass, aluminum or plastic.

Steel is a material with a unique, inherent capability to absorb an impact, and thus diffuse crash energy away from the vehicle's occupants. Steel parts can be engineered to collapse like an accordion to absorb crash energy and most cars have a front end made of steel that performs in this way. Since steel also has the ability to resist deformation when it's crushed, it will actually become stronger upon impact, allowing it to absorb more energy. At higher impact velocities, the strength of steel increases without the risk of breakage often associated with other materials.

"Protection on the road can be greatly enhanced by choosing a vehicle that is designed for optimal safety," says Mark Stephenson, president of TheSteelAlliance. "Steel plays an important role in protecting against injury or death during a collision and in crash avoidance; more so than other materials such as aluminum or plastic."

High-strength steel is also used to make brakes, steering components, wheels, tires, and suspension components, all of which are critical in maintaining control of a car and in helping to prevent car crashes.

TheSteelAlliance is an organization of more than 130 North American steel producers and affiliated organizations that have joined together in an unprecedented industry-wide coalition to educate consumers about the benefits of steel. For more information about steel, visit: www.thenewsteel.com

Brake Problems Q & A

Q. When I apply my brakes they don't respond immediately.

A. This may be an indication that your brakes are not working properly. If you have disc brakes, your calipers are probably sticky. (The caliper is the cast iron mechanism that applies and releases the disc pads that stops your car.)

Q. I have to press very hard on my brakes, before my car stops.

A. Your brake booster may be defective and need replacing. (The booster helps your foot to stop the car. Without the vacuum booster you would need 30 lbs. of pressure rather than 10 lbs. of weight to stop your car.)

Q. My daughter says she hears loud, grinding or scraping noises when she tries to stop the car.

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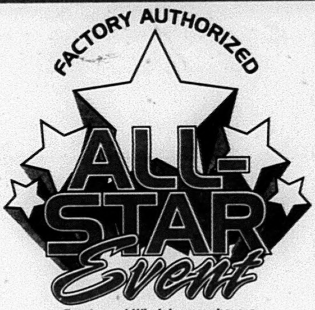

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All-wheel drive or four-w

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(NC)–Twenty years ago, those of us with "4 x 4s" used a technology called "switchable four-wheel drive" that was essentially a rear-wheel drive system with a mechanism that would direct power to the front wheels more or less on demand. But it wasn't always easy. In some models you needed to get out and lock the hubs manually.

Today it's much easier, and with four-wheel drive engaged, SUVs are very versatile, especially when dealing with snowy cottage roads, muddy fields or even getting out of snow banks in the city.

But get the vehicle up to anything like highway speeds with four-wheel drive engaged and the benefits wane appreciably – fuel economy takes a nosedive, and the handling characteristics of the vehicle can change dramatically.

Use these three tips with four-wheel drive SUVs:

1. If you've become stuck in the snow or mud, engage the four-wheel drive system, select low gear and use the throttle like it had an egg under it – very slowly and carefully.

2. Take the time to play with the system in a nice big snowy parking lot the first time you get a chance. It's a safe, practical way to become used to the change in your vehicle once you engage four-wheel drive.

3. Engage the four-wheel drive once a month, even if you don't need it. Keeping things moving and well oiled in the system will ensure it's ready for you when you really need it.

Many of today's SUVs use a technology called all-wheel drive. This is not the same thing as four-wheel drive. All-wheel drive systems deliver power primarily to one set of wheels until they begin to slip; then the system moves power away from those wheels and directs more to the other pair. And unlike four-wheel drive, all-wheel drive uses only marginally more fuel over the course of a year, and the extra traction on both wet and dry pavement is more than worth it.

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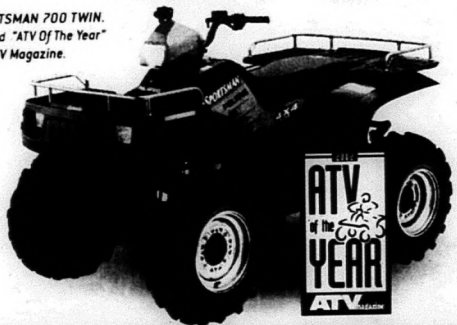

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Sun shines brightly on maplefest crowds

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Oakville and brought with them friends who had emigrated from Capetown, South Africa and had never visited a sugar bush and had no idea how maple syrup products were made.

Lori also agrees with Mr. Sherwin that this year was easier than last year when they really had no idea what to expect.

She says the Maplefest Committee will meet this Thursday to talk about this year's event and start thinking about next year. Serious planning will start in December, as it did this year.

Mr. Sherwin says the current March weekend seems to work out well and seems to be in between other maple syrup events so that there are not too many conflicts.

"Everybody had a good time and had things to do. The food was great. There was line-up for kids on the backhoe and the wagon rides to the woods were pretty much filled all the time out.

"It was very much a family event," Mr. Sherwin said.

He was extremely pleased to see the numbers of children with their parents and grandparents.

"One person said to me that it 'was just so nice to get out in the fresh air.'"

Mr. Sherwin is appreciative of the work the Burts put into the event.

"They are providing us with an opportunity for a community fund-raiser," said Mr. Sherwin, and that is something the Club applauds.

He says the shuttle bus system from Norwood and Hastings worked very well and that meant parking at the site was not a big problem. Stewart Motors donated the buses and the drivers donated their time. The tables and tent were donated by Hilray Farms.

The Committee will meet from time to time over the next year to do some fine tuning, Mr. Sherwin says.

"There are always areas you can see where you can make improvements and you go from there."

"The (maple syrup) season has been very good," says Lori. "We have had five really good runs with everything full. It is so much better than last year."

And visitors to Sunday's Maplefest had an opportunity to savour some of the season's best.

Lori says they plan to do one more "gather" and will be done with boiling by the end of the weekend.

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scoreless but Brown opened the scoring early in the second. The Gophers knotted the score on a powerplay eight minutes later.

The Bears added a powerplay marker of their own less than a minute later with Turner and Courtney Johnston setting up Insalaco for what proved to be the game winner.

Brown's second place finish was their second in the five-year history of the women's Frozen Four.

The Bears and Bulldogs fought evenly throughout the game with Brown's vaunted defence holding their ground solidly for most of the contest. It was an uncharacteristic failure to clear the puck that led to Minnesota's third goal.

Before that goal, it was Brown that commanded most of the action in a free-flowing game which featured the same "Torpedo" offence that was used by Mats Sundin and Team Sweden at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

The two teams combined for 66 shots on net -- the third most in NCAA history.

Brown scored first midway through the first period on a goal by tourney MVP Kristy Zamora of Oshawa but the Bulldogs struck back with a shot that bounced off the post and Dreyer's stick before finding the back of the net. Zamora tied the game at 2-2.

She and her Brown team-mates tried valiantly to get the third goal but couldn't.

Brown had a wonderful season. After shrugging off a slow 6-6-1 start, the team posted a 19-1-1 record down the stretch that included the ECAC North title and a berth in the national final.

Campbellford's Cassie Turner was unanimously selected as the Ivy Leagues's top defender and the co-captain was a big reason the team made it to the Frozen Four.

MVP Zamora, playing her final game for Brown, had this to say about the match: "That was one of the best games I've ever played in. It was physical, it was fast. You can't ask for anything more. Everyone was leaving it all on the ice. This was the last game of the year -- the last game of some people's careers."

Several players on the Minnesota-Duluth squad played for the U.S. team at the Salt Lake City Olympics and their coach, Shannon Miller, coached Team Canada at the Nagano Olympics.

Margot Paige, coach of the Niagara Purple Eagles, was CBC's colour commentator at Salt Lake City.

Ms. Miller and Brown coach Digit Murphy both agreed that the quality of women's collegiate hockey in the U.S. is astonishing. They think the NCAA should look at expanding the tournament as it narrows down the finalists for the Frozen Four.

Dartmouth, the team Brown beat to win the ECAC title, was good enough to have won the championship, Ms. Murphy noted following the game.

Ms. Murphy also expressed dismay that big universities like Michigan, Michigan State and Boston University -- all schools with top-ranked men's hockey programs -- do not field a women's hockey team.

"I couldn't be more proud of this team," Ms. Murphy said. "They did an outstanding job in the second half of the season and I'll be telling stories about this team for years and years."

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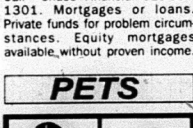

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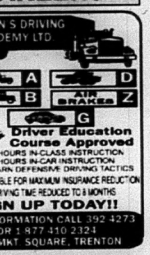

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Novice B's wrap up a great season

Asphodel-Norwood - No, the Norwood Novice B Hornets have not dropped off the face of the earth. This writer had just run out of steam. To bring you up to date read on.

Well, the play-offs are over and the season is finished with the Hornets falling short in their battle against Milbrook.

Each and every player deserves the most improved player award. They have all developed sharper hockey skills and knowledge and should be proud of their efforts.

Zack Aker has made a solid contribution in net this year with more than a few shutouts to his name. Chase Baptie is a steady winger. Meagan Barr has been flying as a winger and centre. Rachel Bolton with her long reach has been a solid defender. Clinton Coppaway has been a wall on defence. Luke Dufty has been on the fly as a winger and centre. Colin Elmhurst has been steady at centre and wing. Joey Giacalone has been solid on defence. Mitchell Klompmaker knows how to fly and has had more breakaways than we can count. Blake Redden is also a solid defender and can teach everyone how to stay out of a two minute time-out. Luc Robitaille has shown great determination and improvement. Jacob Stinson has been the most versatile player feeling equally at home in net, on defence, centre and wing.

Coach Dave Bolton has kept the enthusiasm high and nurtured the number one reason the kids are out there -- to have fun!! And that they have.

Assistant coach Tim Klompmaker, trainer Paul Stinson and Assistant trainer Ernie Dufty all have shown great commitment to the team and instilled respect and a good work ethic.

Manager Carolyn Bolton has been the duct tape that keeps everything together and the oil that has kept it all organized and running smoothly and successfully.

The players thank everyone for a very enjoyable season.

Cooper Wild Kids

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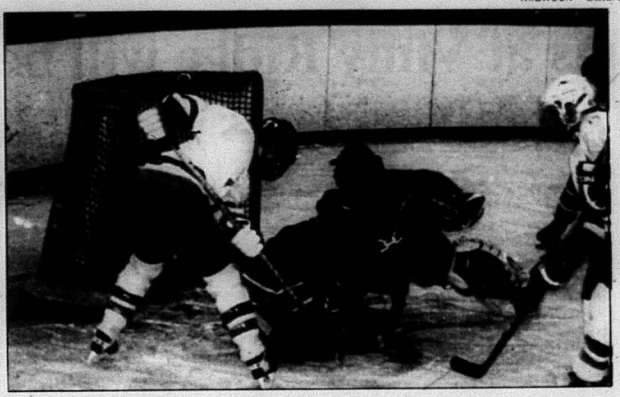
first late in the first period. The goal didn't deter these girls, it motivated the Wild Kids to step it up a notch and take control of the game. After three complete periods it was all Wild Kids. Goals were scored by Gray (3) and McAlarey (1) with assists going out to Bonter and Martin. Good game girls, you went from 3rd place to first in your second half of the season, what an accomplishment.

Sunday, March 17 the Wild Kids hosted Peterborough for the first game of the 2002 Central East Playoff Tournament. The girls always play well against Peterborough, a rivalry much like Tweed vs. Madoc or Madoc vs. Marmora, when I was a kid. The game would send them into the Central East Tournament with 2 points. The girls dominated the entire game and at the end of three periods the score was 2-0 in favour of the Wild Kids. Goals were scored by Burkitt (1) and McAlarey (1), both unassisted. Good game, girls.



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- a **one per cent** pay-for-performance pool for employees who are at maximum of their salary ranges.

In addition, the Government also offers a competitive benefit and pens package.

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Canadians at Vimy Ridge will be rem on its 85th anniversary - a terrible hist

April 9, 2002 will mark the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. This milestone provides an opportunity to recognize those who fought and died in this battle and to relate this early part of Canadian history to the Canada we enjoy today.

When war broke out in Europe in August 1914, Canada was a nation of less than seven million persons, and although it controlled its internal affairs, at the international level it was legally a colony of the United Kingdom. When England declared war, Canada was automatically at war. At the same time, Canada's military forces were very small and ill equipped: the regular army was only 3,100 strong, and the part-time Militia was larger but was almost completely untrained. Despite this, the national enthusiastically supported the 'mother country', and within two months the First Canadian Division was on its way to fight in Europe.

During this period, the war in the west raged across Belgium and France, but the French and British succeeded in turning back the German onslaught. An impasse developed, and both sides turned to trench warfare to increase the chances of survival for their troops. At this point the German Army took control of one of the few dominant features in the relatively flat area of northern France – Vimy Ridge. It stood 61 metres about the Douai Plain, and from its heights the Germans dominated the terrain for many kilometres around, and threatened allied control of the entire region almost as far as the English Channel.

Throughout 1915 and 1916, first the French and then the British tried to seize the Ridge. In 1915, the French almost succeeded, but were thrown back by the Germans with terrible losses. The British in their turn tried, and in many places exploded huge mines under the German lines to clear the way for their troops, but they too did not succeed. The Germans held firm to the crest and built yet stronger defenses.

Baptism of fire

In the meantime, the Canadians were learning the ways of soldiering through bloody experience. The First Canadian Division had its major baptism of fire in April and May 1915 at Ypres in Belgium, where the Germans first used gas to destroy the allied forces. The Canadians stood firm, even stretching their line to cover the part of the front where French colonial troops had been routed. It was a proud if costly moment in Canadian military history.

During the winter 1915-16, the Canadian Expeditionary Force expanded to three divisions, and the Canadian Corps came into being. In the spring of 1916, command of the Corps was turned over to Lieutenant-General Julian Byng, a no-nonsense British officer who soon learned to respect the Canadians, while they learned to respect him.

The major battle on the British part of the western front that year was fought near the Somme River, and from September to November the three Canadian divisions fought a series of actions in that five-month-long battle. That year a fourth Canadian division was formed, and in November had its first major experience of battle at the Somme. When it joined the Canadian Corps, that formation was up to its full strength.

After leaving the Somme, the Canadians took over the front line at Vimy Ridge and started to prepare for a major assault the next spring. Throughout the winter, the Canadians studied the battlefield and trained for the upcoming assault. Behind the lines, a replica of the Ridge was created, using white tape and flag markers. Each battalion walked through its plan of attack until every soldier knew the land in detail and exactly what he was to do. The Canadians also dug tunnels into No Man's Land, not to explode mines but so that many of the attacking troops could start their assault near the enemy lines, fresh and without having suffered casualties.

Assault begins

On March 20, 1917, the Canadians began a heavy bombardment. It went on for days, severely weakening the German front lines and artillery positions. On April 2, the concentration of firepower was increased even more. The Germans called the seven days that followed "the week of suffering." Finally, at dawn on Easter Monday, April 9, the Canadians attacked.

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Letter to Editor

A delegation from the Marmora & District Lions Club wasted their time at Council March 19 while Reeve Bennett said absolutely nothing in response to our concerns regarding filth and mismanagement of the Community Center. The remainder of Council sat, stone-faced, like placid sheep while the Reeve stated that he could not discuss our issues – even though that is exactly what they have been doing in private 'in camera' sessions. Our club records and correspondence are available for public viewing. What have they got to hide?

It was our hope that the Municipality would honour its contact with us. However, because we had the nerve to send a letter from our lawyer (who is working for nothing) after we were locked out of the Lions Hall with no notice, Council seems determined to force us into a legal battle through the courts.

For years, under Lions management, local non-profit groups used the hall at no charge and, if a fundraiser was held, Lions volunteered their time and, in some cases, split bar profits with local groups. The Municipality seems to have changed its tune regarding operating the bar themselves and Bennett now says that "other local groups" should be allowed to raise funds under 'Special Permit.' 'Special Permit' requires the user to purchase the permit, lug all alcoholic beverages and mix up to the hall (elevator designated for persons only), return empties, store left-overs and supply at least one (1) 'Smart Serve' certified bartender – paid or otherwise.

Lions currently volunteer (there's that word again) their time as bartenders for all events and have obtained their 'Smart Serve' training. Interestingly – the only "local group" booking the municipality has managed to date was a private wedding which we were told was an ice-related event – pursuant to our contract. Bartending at the event? Councilor Cathie Jones.

While we're on the topic of 'local groups', let's see ... the Legion has their own hall, the churches have their own halls, we already donate to our fire department, home support, food bank, minor sports, youth groups, schools, etc. and would happily sponsor an event in their honour – who does that leave?

Our bar profits, for the most part, depend upon privately booked events such as weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, etc., and loss of that revenue represents a loss to the community.

---- Mr. Bennett stated that the "Robert Empey Hall" used at one time by the "other club" (Lions) was "adequate for their needs." Why did they leave? I have no idea why the Reeve mentioned the other club but, as a point of interest, they have refused to support us, writing that they "Do not wish to be involved with issues between the Municipality of Marmora and Lake and the Marmora & District Lions Club." Mr. Bennett's parents belong to the 'other club'!

We haven't built a park lately, although we admire the efforts of the other Lions group. However, many fire victims, children and infirm citizens will attest to the fact that we do look out for 'the little guy' and that, we feel, is what it's all about!

I can't get a fix on a group of elected officials who cannot honour their commitments, disregards the efforts of their volunteers and, on our behalf, bites the hand of those that feed their community. They should be ashamed to raise their eyes to the people who elected them! Where would the money come from to support the needy without volunteers? Lions of the world raised over one (1) billion dollars last year in their respective communities. Those same Lions provided volunteer hours amounting to 25,000 people working 24-hours a day, seven days a week for 365 days. I'm proud to be a Lion and proud to live in their beautiful area where some of us feel the need to give something back to our less fortunate and to leave a legacy of service for our young. Why can't Council get over their petty, personal agendas and allow us to carry on with our work?

I have worked steadily as a volunteer since arriving here in 1989 and, for my effort, find myself writing this letter about issues which should never have arisen in the first place. We (the club) are thrilled with the public's response to our petition (various locations around town) and, though I still hope that some mutually beneficial agreement can be reached with Council, I am personally encouraged to know that we are not along.

Brenda Brett
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In Canada after the war, the impact of Vimy Ridge did not decline. It became the symbol of Canadian ability on the battlefield and of Canada's contribution to the allied cause. Canada had come of age.

In the 1920s, when it was decided to build a major memorial in France to mark Canada's sacrifice in the First World War, there was no question as to where it should be. A magnificent memorial was built in the Canadian Park on Hill 145. On the Memorial's walls are the names of more than 11,000 Canadians who died in France during the First World War and have no known grave. Another memorial at Ypres commemorates the nearly 7,000 Canadians who died in similar circumstances in Belgium. The Vimy Memorial was consecrated in 1936, and stands to this day as a powerful image towering over the French countryside. Around it lay dozens of Canadian cemeteries, some within metres and others only a few kilometres away.

These words appear in French and in English on the Canadian National Vimy Memorial at Vimy Ridge:

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The land for the battlefield park, 250 acres in extent, was "the free gift in perpetuity of the French nation to the people of Canada". Eleven thousand tonnes of concrete and masonry were required for the base of the Memorial and 5,500 tonnes of 'trau' stone were brought from Yugoslavia for the pylons and the sculptured figures. Construction of the massive work began in 1925 and 11 years late, on July 26, 1936, King Edward VIII unveiled the monument.

It is from one of these cemeteries that an unknown Canadian soldier, known only unto God, was selected to return home and represent the tens of thousands of Canadians who have lost their lives in war. The Unknown Soldier lies in the place of honour in front of the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

19th Century Log Home

This 19th century log farm house in Tudor Township is situated on a picturesque acre in the middle of the woods. The logs in the structure are of a size that is not seen anymore. The original builders would probably be surprised to know that this log house is still inhabited year round, and very cozy in the wintertime too.

20th Century Log Home

This is a 20th century log home in Tudor township, proving that some people still prefer to build with logs as was done in the last century. This house is a modern, beautiful structure with all the conveniences and lots of light. It's 19th century partner is only about a mile away.

Members of the Madoc Legion showed their support for the Cadets last Monday evening, when Lucas Vesterfelt received his Master Cadet Certificate and Badge. A number of Legion members attended the ceremony and looked on with pride as the young man's hard work and dedication was publicly rewarded. The Legion's Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, April 4th, upstairs in the Madoc Legion Hall. The meeting gets underway at 7:30 p.m.; everyone welcome.

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Loyalist College conducts Continuing Education courses in Madoc in the evenings. Spring classes begin in April; registration started Monday. Courses available this spring are:

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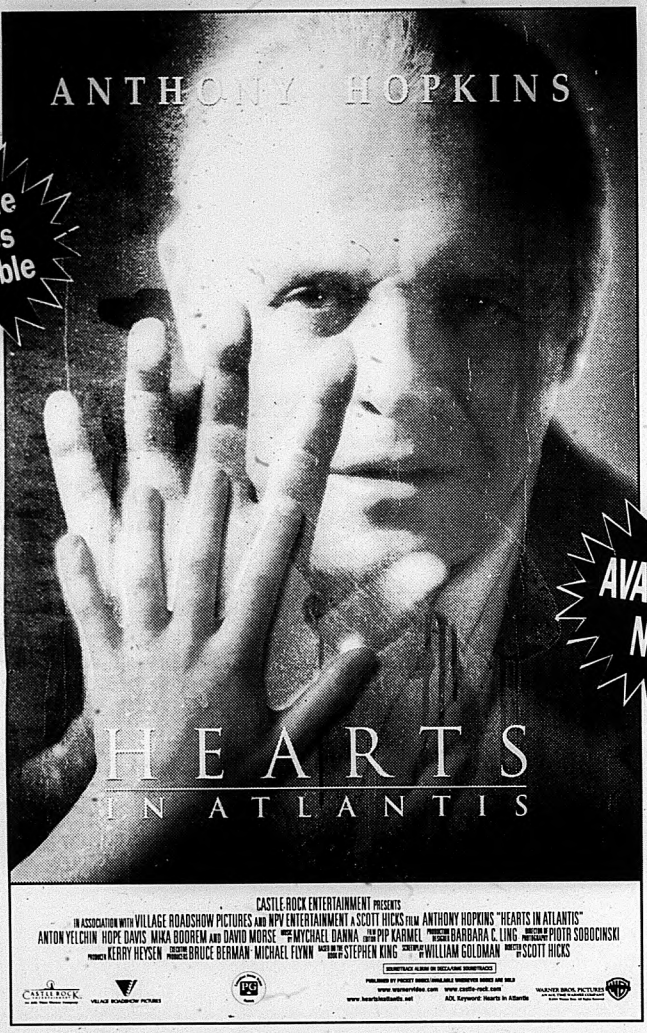

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